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***Indiana's Office of Energy Development (OED) Opens Applications
for the 2015 Indiana Fall Community Conservation Challenge***

INDIANAPOLIS – The [Indiana Office of Energy Development \(OED\)](http://www.in.gov/oed) today announced that eligible Indiana entities involved in community energy conservation projects can begin applying for a share of \$600,000 through its Fall 2015 [Community Conservation Challenge \(CCC\)](http://www.in.gov/oed/2645.htm) grant program.

Applications for the Fall 2015 CCC grant program can be emailed to grants@oed.in.gov beginning Friday, September 15, 2015, through October 30, 2015. Program guidelines are available at www.in.gov/oed/2645.htm.

“We’re excited to open applications for this competitive grant program,” said OED Director Tristan Vance. “The winning recipients could receive from \$25,000 to \$100,000 to support creative and unique energy conservation programs.”

CCC projects must be located in Indiana and must use commercially-available technologies. The project must be visible to the public and have at least one community partner, demonstrate measurable improvements in energy efficiency or the use of renewable energy, result in a reduction in energy demand or fuel consumption, or involve the implementation of an energy recycling process.

Eligible Indiana applicants include local units of government, school corporations, businesses, universities, and nonprofits. Applicants are required to provide a match of at least 25% in the form of cost-share or leveraged funds. Special consideration will be given to those applicants that provide higher levels of matching funds.

The OED is looking for applicants that:

- Leverage the participation and support of multiple community organizations and agencies
- Prioritize energy efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy, and/or waste heat recovery
- Have moved beyond the planning stages and are ready for project implementation
- Possess an innovative element, whether through unique partnerships, financing mechanisms and/or an educational component that will help explain the energy project to a broader audience

Successful applicants must utilize one or more of the following eligible technologies:

- Combined heat and power
- Biomass
- Energy efficiency
- Geothermal
- Solar (PV and solar thermal)
- Waste management and recycling
- Wind energy

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Those selected to receive a Fall 2015 CCC grant will be notified by letter and email in November.

Winners from the Spring 2015 CCC Program included Bethany Christian Schools, the Center for Sustainable Living, the City of Bloomington, Evansville Park Foundation, the Indiana Municipal Power Authority, Lake Shore Foods Corporation, and Loftus Robinson. Projects ranged from energy-efficient LED lights and lighting motion sensors to solar PV, solar LEDs, and combined heat and power.

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The [Indiana Office of Energy Development \(OED\)](#) was established to shepherd the state's energy plan. OED focuses on the development and implementation of comprehensive energy planning for the state that utilizes all of Indiana's energy resources and supports a strong, dynamic, and growing economy. OED coordinates state energy policy with executive branch agencies, houses energy-related programs, and works to support a strong, comprehensive, coordinated energy plan for Indiana. The office also administers grant programs funded by the U.S. Department of Energy. These grants promote the use of alternative power and fuels, energy efficiency and public education on energy issues in Indiana.