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### Renewable Energy



## U of I Commitment





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### iCAP: A Climate Action Plan





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# U of I Renewable Energy

- Wind
- Solar photovoltaics
- Solar thermal
- Geothermal
- Biomass
- Renewable Energy Certificates



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#### Wind Turbines



### **Project History**

- 2003 2005: idea stage
- 2005 2007: feasibility stage
- 2007 2008: first attempt
- 2008: project denied by Chancellor
- 2008 2010: project on hold
- 2010 2011: second attempt
- 2011: project denied by Board of Trustees



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### Navigant Consulting, Inc.



- Present/planned uses
- Proximity to residential areas
- Access to the electrical underground distribution system
- Elevation
- Proximity to airport runways





#### Wind Turbine

#### \$5.2 M Budget

Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation Utilities & Energy Services Student Cleaner Energy Fee Office of the Chancellor Office of the President Shortfall \$2M \$1M \$640K \$500K \$640K \$640K



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#### Solar Farm



#### **Solar Farm**

#### \$5.3 M Budget

**Utilities & Energy Services** 

**Student Cleaner Energy Fee** 

\$4.25M \$1.05K

The total cost is actually projected to be over \$15M, but there will be a reduction in the cost of electricity purchased from conventional sources.



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#### Solar Farm vs. Wind Turbine

- **\$5.3 Million, subsidy**
- 5.87 MWp
- 2.1% Electricity for Campus
- Power Purchase Agreement

- \$5.2 Million, installation
- 1.65 MWp
- 0.8% Electricity for Campus
- Design / Build

### Renewables at U of I

- Various small scale installations of solar photovoltaics
- Solar thermal on campus recreation building for heating pool water
- Geothermal at Allerton Park
- Renewable Energy Certificates purchased



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### Solar Photovoltaics (PVs)



- 2006 Business
  Instructional Facility
- 2014 Electrical and Computer Engineering Building
- Ground Mounted PVs at Building Research Council, & Solar Farm
- Future buildings/retrofits



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### LEED buildings



### Renewable Energy Certificates

- Campus bought 20,000,000 kWh for FY15.
- They are MISO Wind RECs.
- Without Petascale, this represents 5.28% of projected electricity demand.
- Including Petascale, this represents 4.25% of projected electricity demand.
- A half year of the solar farm would bring this up to 5%.
- The cost was \$1.25/MWh for a total of \$27,000.



### EPA Green Power Partnership

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### Wind PPA?

#### How we currently purchase electricity

- Electrical Hedge Purchase
  - Peak 16 Hours Only
  - Mostly Peak (work) Days
  - Some Off-Peak Days
    - Weekends
    - Holidays
- Block Purchases
  - January 2015 Example Peak
    - 5 x 16 Hours @ 2 MW
    - 21 Peak Days
    - 672 MWh purchase



**Total Electric Hedge Positions** 

= Electric Medge 6-To-Date Peak Days

geted CR-Peak Days MWH

Electric Hedge & To-Date Off-Peak Days

2/27/2015

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### Next Steps

- Update the Climate Action Plan FY15
- Complete the Utilities Master Plan

### **Conserve! Conserve! Conserve!**



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### Questions

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