

# HOUSE BILL 7

## **Q. What is House Bill 7?**

House Bill 7 (HB7) is legislation passed in 1994 that permits “state universities to implement energy saving measures for their buildings using installment plans” and to enter into contracts for implementing the measures as long as they pay for themselves in 10 years.

The Brewer-Garrett Company has implemented over 20 HB7 and similar conservation programs over the last five years. We have performed over \$100M dollars in HB7 projects, and over 100 Performance Contracts with schools in Ohio.

## **Q. What Constitutes an Energy Conservation Measure?**

*Energy Conservation Measures* are defined as the installation or modification of an installation or remodeling of an existing building in order to reduce energy consumption and operating costs. They include, but are not limited to, the following:

**Replacement/modification of HVAC Systems - Replacement/modification of Lighting Systems  
Energy Recovery Systems - Building Envelope Improvements  
Co-generation**

The Brewer-Garrett Company is a Single-Source, Design/Build, Mechanical Electrical Contractor with the In-house expertise to provide you with a Comprehensive Energy Savings Program.

## **Q. How Can I Pay for These Energy Conservation Measures?**

HB7 allows for the installment purchase of energy conservation measures. This virtually eliminates the need to utilize dollars budgeted for capital projects. Those funds can be applied toward projects that do not reduce energy or operational spending. The cost of the energy conservation measures (including financing) cannot exceed the amount of money the you would save in energy and operating costs over a period of 10 years. Board Approval for the HB7 process allows a Request for Proposal process to be used to select a vendor.

## **Q. How does the Request for Proposal Work?**

Notice of the your intention of requesting proposals for energy conservation measures must be advertised and a minimum three proposals are required. You then select the proposal that will result in the greatest savings. The payback period for the entire program (including financing) cannot exceed 10 years. Low Bid is not a Requirement for selection in the RFP process.

The Brewer-Garrett Company is capable of answering your request for proposal with innovative ideas and powerful solutions. We will tailor a Program to fit your specific needs.

## **Q. What are Guaranteed Savings?**

Savings achieved from implementation of Energy Conservation Measures are typically guaranteed. This means if the savings projected in the final proposal are not achieved the energy services company will reimburse you for the shortfall. Energy savings should be measured and verified by energy auditors utilizing methods approved by the International Measurement and Verification Protocol.

The Brewer-Garrett Company is known for developing solutions with realistic, verifiable energy savings. We utilize Metrix Certified energy auditors for the measurement and verification process. Our programs meet and exceed expectations in both energy savings and quality.