

Proposal Details

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* Project Title:	Campus Rec Boiler
* Duration (months):	8
* Total Budget (\$):	\$145,000.00
* Requested SGEF Funds (\$):	\$145,000.00
* Matching Funds (\$):	\$0.00
* Proposed Starting Date:	2/20/2017
PI Graduation Date (if applicable):	5/5/2017

Section 2: Applicant Information

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Section 3: Project Description

* Project background and purpose (reasons motivating request) (Max 500 words)

Campus Recreation's swimming pool is used quite often by USF students and faculty alike. Often it's only complaint is the inconsistency of the water temperature. This is due to the fact that the water is heated and then pumped almost a mile to get to the pool's system. I propose that not only do we eliminate the need of long distance pumping, but we also increase the efficiency of the boilers being used. This will eliminate costs for electricity to pump water across campus, and also reduce emissions by switching to a condensing boiler.

* Project activities (Max 250 words)

The project includes installing a condensing boiler outside of the campus recreation pool area. There is already sufficient space, and the operations team at REC are working with us in optimizing the placement of the boiler, the electrical systems, and the natural gas line. Electrical panels have already been investigated to verify there is space for the project, and a natural gas source has been located.

* Project results (Max 500 words)

The result of the project will be more efficiency for USF and more savings as well. Any issues with distant pumping will be eliminated, such as possible heavy metal seeps or pipe bursts. The energy to heat the water to 220F (so its still warm when it gets to the pool) will also be eliminated. The CPT boiler that is currently used has an efficiency of about 78%, the new condensing boiler used that escaped heat to recirculate and heat water even more efficiently at 98%. Although the time will vary yearly, a reasonable estimate is that the pump will be running on average 50% of the year.

* Outcomes of the project (Max 250 words)

Eliminating the cost of electricity to pump the water, with the increased 20% efficiency of the boiler system, this equates to 131,000 kWh saved per year in electricity, and 20,405 therms per year saved in heating. Converting these both to metric tons of CO₂, this equates to about 200 tons of CO₂ saved per year, using it only 50% of the time.

* Annual Energy Savings	131,400 kWh
Annual Cost Savings	\$14,454.00
Return of Investment in %	0.10

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