

## Comprehensive Energy Management Project

**Board of Trustees** 

Joint Academic Affairs and Student Life and Finance
Committee Meeting

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### Why we are considering this partnership

### **SUSTAINABILITY**

- Our goal is 25% energy efficiency improvement within 10 years
- Campus-wide upgrades would cost an estimated \$250 million
- A dedicated funding stream would propel progress (avoid redirecting capital from other academic and strategic priorities)

### **ACADEMIC MISSION**

- Substantial new resources for teaching, learning and research would support our strategic priorities
- Campus requested support of internships, scholarships and research
- A partnership could make Ohio State a top university for sustainability and energy research



## Four elements of comprehensive approach



SUSTAINABILITY: Install improvements to improve energy efficiency 25% campus-wide within 10 years



**OPERATIONS:** Manage systems

- Electricity
- Natural Gas
- Geothermal Steam/Heating
- Chilled water/cooling



SUPPLY: Assist Ohio State in buying the type of energy we want on the best possible terms



ACADEMIC COLLABORATION: Support teaching, learning and research, particularly in energy and sustainability



## A three-stage, deliberative approach

### **Evaluation of Comprehensive Energy Management Project**

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Request for Qualifications	Reached out to over 140 parties to gauge interest	ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS		
("RFQ") Phase	44 responded with information about their qualifications	> Input from three		
(February 2015– May 2015)	University approved 40 to continue to the RFI phase	advisory committees (including review of RFP responses):		
Request for Information ("RFI") Phase (May 2015– January 2016)	<ul> <li>Many of the 40 participants joined together to form comprehensive teams, as required by the RFI</li> <li>10 teams submitted indicative proposals</li> <li>University approved six teams to continue to RFP</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Faculty Advisors         Group</li> <li>Council on the         Physical         Environment</li> <li>President and         Provost's Council on</li> </ul>		
Request for Proposals ("RFP") Phase (February 2017 – April 2017)	<ul> <li>Three teams submitted bids and accepted university's requirements for service</li> <li>Each review group (including advisory groups of students, faculty and staff) rated ENGIE-Axium as top proposal</li> <li>University leaders to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees on April 6-7</li> </ul>	Sustainability  Met with 30+ campus organizations  Held 3 public forums  Sent 9 campus-wide updates  Maintained website		



### Three advisory groups throughout process

- President and Provost's Council on Sustainability (PPCS)
  - Developed university's sustainability goals (energy and other issues)
  - Recommended elements of academic collaboration proposal
- Faculty Advisory Group (includes experts from related fields)
  - Provided technical review in all areas
  - Helped to shape the Request for Proposals
- Council on the Physical Environment (COPE)
  - Reviewed human resource elements



### How we developed our recommendation

- Bids ranked by the three advisory groups and the university
- Each element of the proposal was evaluated
  - Academic collaboration
  - Technical
  - Human resources
  - Financial
- Each review group came to same conclusion on top bid
- > Top bid offers required benefits to sustainability and academic mission



### Overview of ENGIE-Axium's proposal









- Largest investment in Ohio State's academic mission
  - \$1.165 billion for access, affordability, excellence and sustainability
- Unprecedented energy efficiency program to modernize our campus
  - 25 percent improvement in energy efficiency within 10 years
- > Establish Ohio State as an international leader in sustainability
  - New research center and other academic collaborations



### Investments in our academic mission

Upfront payment for 50-year agreement \$1.015 billion

Academic collaboration \$150 million

### **Total value to the university**

\$1.165 billion

Collaboration opportunities based on community input



### **Upfront payment**

to support strategic plan

- Student financial aid
- Compensation enhancements to support competitiveness with academic peers
- Classrooms, research labs and performance and arts spaces
- Fund to enhance sustainability
- Other strategic initiatives

- > \$50 million for major center for energy research and technology commercialization
- > \$25 million for financial aid (undergraduate, graduate and professional)
- > 500 internships (\$5 million)
- \$20 million for sustainability projects, curriculum, staff development
- > \$9.5 million for five faculty positions
- > \$40.5 million for philanthropy





### **Energy Advancement and Innovation Center**

- \$50 million hub for research and technology incubation
  - 60,000-square-foot building, based on or near campus
  - Funding also includes operating costs and seed money for research
- Collaboration between Ohio State, ENGIE and industry experts on
  - Next generation of smart energy systems
  - Renewable energy
  - Green mobility
- First ENGIE research hub in North America; would be 12<sup>th</sup> globally



### **ENGIE-Axium's operating responsibilities**



- Carry out energy conservation measures to meet goal
- Provide capital funding for approved projects (university would retain approval rights)



- Operate systems that power, heat and cool campus
- Required to meet or exceed our performance standards
- Perform and provide capital funding for improvements (university would retain approval rights)



- Support our procurement of electricity and natural gas
- Ohio State would continue to buy directly from providers (and determine mix of energy sources and fuels)



### Oversight, flexibility and end of contract

- Key performance indicators in contract will be tracked annually
  - Includes operations and progress on sustainability
  - Operator would face penalties up to removal for non-performance
- University to form Energy Advisory Committee
  - To review capital projects and approve annual operating budget
  - To provide input on proposed changes to performance standards
- Structure allows new energy technologies to be trialed and implemented
- Assets revert back to University at contract conclusion



### Background on ENGIE-Axium

Companies would operate new entity: Ohio State Energy Partners

## **ENGIE**OPERATOR/EQUITY INVESTOR

- Supplies electricity to 14 deregulated U.S. markets (states)
- Manages 250 district heating and cooling energy systems globally
- Serves approximately 150 higher education and health-care facilities
- Clients include the University of Maryland, where ENGIE has managed the campus power plant for almost 20 years
- On the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index and the Dow Jones Sustainability Europe Index

## Axium EQUITY INVESTOR

- Manages two infrastructure funds totaling over \$1.5 billion in assets and \$1 billion in managed coinvestments
- Focused on long-term returns; uses buy-and-hold investments in core infrastructure assets
- Actively invests in renewable energy, with interests in over 2.5 GW of wind, solar, and hydroelectric power generation across North America

### Ohio State's fee structure

- > Total cost of energy designed to be consistent with current cost structure
- > Fixed fee: Starts at \$45 million a year, 1.5% annual increase for inflation
- > Operating fee: Starts at about \$9.2 million
  - Annual adjustment based on actual costs of the operation, as approved through the budget process
- Variable fee: Would be based on ENGIE-Axium's investments in energy conservation measures and other capital improvements
  - Funding to be a 50/50 split of debt and equity
    - Initial return on equity = 9.35%
    - Initial cost of debt = 3.691%

Recap	Current state	With CEMP
High standards for energy operations	$\checkmark$	<b>✓</b>
University determines sustainability goals	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
University determines mix of energy (including renewables)	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
Investments in energy system affect university costs	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Major investment (\$1.015 billion) in academic mission (student aid, faculty/staff support, capital projects, other)		<b>√</b>
Major investment (\$150 million) in academic collaboration (research hub, scholarships, internships, faculty positions, sustainability fund, university philanthropy)		<b>✓</b>
Major energy efficiency program with dedicated funding		<b>✓</b>

# Discussion

Energy project website: go.osu.edu/CEMP