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***TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION SAVES TAX PAYERS \$700,000 PER YEAR
IN ENERGY COSTS***

Austin, Texas – The Texas Facilities Commission (TFC) implemented an energy-saving project to save energy and water resources in state office buildings and achieved \$700,000 in cost savings. The Office of Energy Management of TFC completed its first conservation project about a year ago. The project included retrofitting four large office buildings (almost 900,000 square feet) with new lighting fixtures and energy-efficient comfort systems.

The ongoing conservation projects have already converted over 15,000 lamps and fixtures to LED technology, significantly reducing power demand. The LED lamps provide better light quality, have longer life with fewer maintenance costs and produce much less heat, thus saving even more on cooling expenses. The lighting retrofits and occupancy sensors alone have saved taxpayers about \$1 million a year in energy costs. TFC's goal is to retrofit all the agency portfolio of State office space within the next four years and achieve similar savings.

Farshad Shahsavary, Energy and Engineering Manager for TFC, hopes to accelerate the conversion process by adding another project manager to the team and expediting the RFQ process to select qualified installation contractors, to implement the cost-saving measures faster. "We have proven the cost-saving of our energy conversion methods. Now, we hope to bring these projects out quicker to achieve the savings sooner", said Shahsavary.

Energy performance contractors interested in learning more about these energy conservation contract packages should register to do business with the State of Texas. ([Here](#)) Skilled energy management professional interested in working for TFC should read the job description [here](#).

The Texas Facilities Commission supports the operations and maintenance of State-owned and lease space for over 100 state agencies, across 249 Texas cities. The agency currently manages 15.8 million square feet of State-owned facilities and 10.3 million square feet of leased facilities, as well as the construction of over 1.5 million square feet of new office space in the Capitol Complex.

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