

In accordance with ACT 58 Sec. E.112 of 2015, the Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services (BGS) and Efficiency Vermont collaboratively developed and launched the State Energy Management Program (the Program) to accelerate, for State buildings and facilities, energy management measures, implementation of energy efficiency and conservation, and the use of renewable energy resources.

In FY2016, the first year of the Program, BGS and Efficiency Vermont executed a Memorandum of Understanding, defining the relationship, roles, and responsibilities of each organization as it pertains to the Program. BGS, with support from Efficiency Vermont, recruited, hired, and trained its Program team effectively creating the BGS Energy Office.

In FY2017, the second year of the program, BGS and Efficiency Vermont identified, developed, and implemented energy saving projects resulting in over \$150,000 of initial year savings for the State of Vermont, and over \$1.2 million in savings over the life of these measures.

In the third year of the program, BGS and Efficiency Vermont identified, developed, and implemented energy saving projects resulting in over \$397,000 of initial year savings for the State of Vermont, and over \$3.6 million in savings over the life of these measures.

FY2019 is the final year of the preliminary period in which project identification, development, and completion will accelerate as targeted efforts to prioritize the worst performing buildings continue to be successful. The Program team is systematically executing energy evaluations on prioritized state-owned buildings in accordance with Section 24 Title 29: 157 VSA (a) (3). Completed evaluations have developed into successful energy savings projects while new evaluations are identifying opportunities for future energy savings projects. The Energy Office's project development process has become an integral part of BGS' standard operating procedures when evaluating overall building portfolio management needs resulting in a cohesive roadmap for continued Program success.

ACT 58 Sec. E.112 (d)(5), asked BGS and Efficiency Vermont to submit an evaluation of the Program authorized under this section and any resulting recommendations, including recommendations related to Program continuation in the FY2019 report. For the program to continue seamlessly without energy savings interruption, the legislature will need to pass legislation detailing Efficiency Vermont's continued financial support of the program for four additional years. Based on the overwhelming success of the Program, it is the recommendation of the Department of Buildings and General Services and Efficiency Vermont to continue the State Energy Management Program.