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### Cerritos College Wins Energy and Sustainability Award for Science Building Retro-Commissioning Project

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**NORWALK, Calif. – November 15, 2017 –** Cerritos College received the California Community Colleges Board of Governors 2017 Energy and Sustainability Award for its Science Building retro-commissioning project that is saving the campus \$25,000 in energy cost annually.



The retro-commissioning project involved installing more reliable control sequences on air handlers, making them more energy efficient. The total project cost was \$577,000 and included approximately \$350,000 of Proposition 39 funds, \$46,000 of Investor Owned Utility rebates, and \$181,000 of district funds. The project is estimated to save 62,000 kilowatt hours and 6,900 therms resulting in energy cost savings of \$25,000 annually. The construction of this project generated more than 160 hours of journeyman and 41 hours of apprentice employment.

Cerritos College is an environmental leader. The Cerritos College Board of Trustees has adopted strong eco-friendly policies to create a campus environment that fosters sustainability through conscious decision-making strategies. In 2014, the College received the Green Community College Leadership Awards from the *Green Technology Magazine* for its water conservation efforts that is saving the campus 30 million gallons of water annually.

"This award is a testament to our strong commitment to developing a campus that is energy efficient and sustainable, in order to minimize our environmental impact, save operation and maintenance costs, and ensure a safe and quality learning environment for our students," said Zurich Lewis, president, Board of Trustees, Cerritos College.

For more information about Cerritos College's green campus efforts, please visit: [www.cerritos.edu/greencerritos](http://www.cerritos.edu/greencerritos)

**About Cerritos College:** Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college's district include Artesia,

Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently averages 23,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at <http://www.cerritos.edu/>.

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