

# Wind Power Purchasing

**USEPA** Webinar

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# **Quick Facts**

- Located in Columbus, Ohio
- 56,000 Students
- 30,000 Employees
- 450 Buildings; 30 Million GSF
- \$5.2 Billion Budget





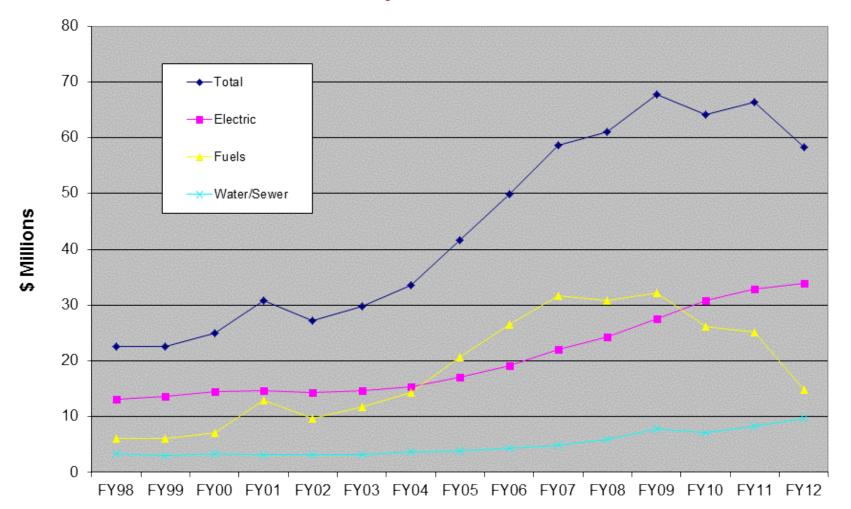
# **Energy Infrastructure Profile**

- Central Steam and Hot Water Plant
- Three Regional Chiller Plants
- Two Electrical Substations
- Three Geothermal Systems

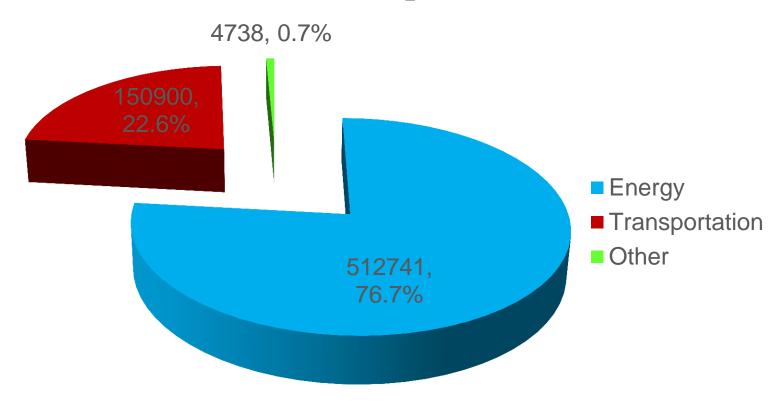




# Ohio State Annual Utility Costs



# FY 2012 GHG Emissions by Source (MTeCO<sub>2</sub>)





# A Commitment to Sustainability

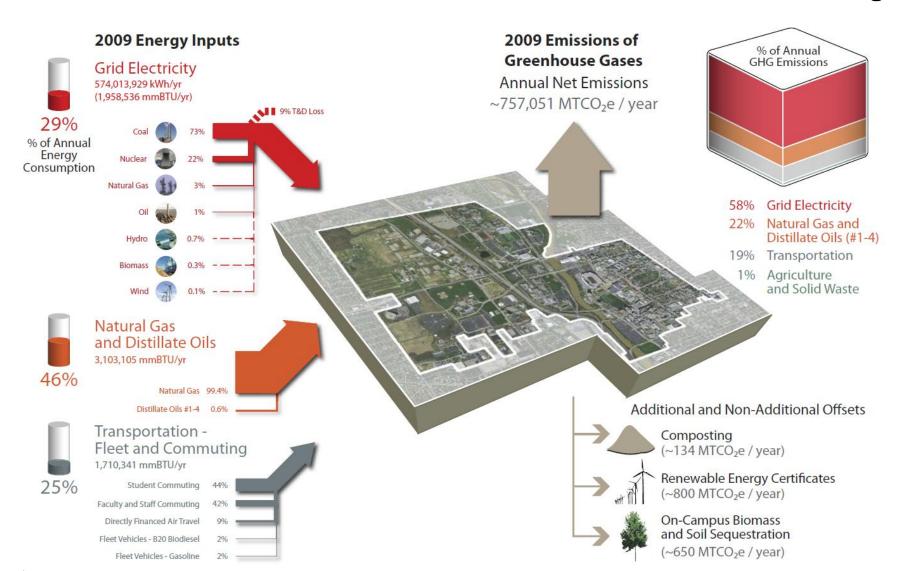
- Sustainability Leadership
- ACUPCC Signatory in 2008
  - Commitment to Carbon Neutrality by 2050
  - Commitment to Innovative Leadership





# THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

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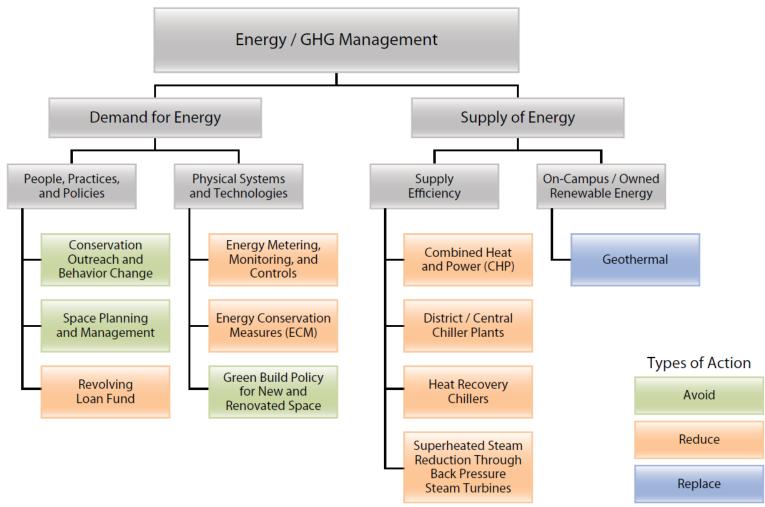
# **Energy and Carbon Strategy**





#### **Our Plan**

# **Energy and Carbon Strategy**





## Iberdrola's Blue Creek Wind Farm

#### **Project Location**

Tully, Union, and Hoaglin Townships of Van Wert County, Ohio, and Benton, Blue Creek, and Latty Townships of Paulding County, Ohio.

#### **Project Capacity**

304 Megawatts (MW)

#### **Number of Wind Turbines**

152 Gamesa G90, 2.0 MW wind turbines on 100m (328 ft) towers, which are primarily made in Pennsylvania.

#### **Technology**

Turbines on a 328 foot (100 meter) tower for a total height of 476 feet when a 148 ft long blade is straight up. Each nacelle weighs 85 tons. Each foundation uses about 60 truckloads of concrete and 60 tons of steel rebar.







# **Contract Overview**

- Wind Power Contracted from Blue Creek Wind Farm
  - 50 MW wind power capacity
    - Estimated to produce 141,000 MWh annually
  - 20 year fixed price with annual escalator
    - \$46.50/MWh with 2% annual increase
  - All environmental attributes retained by Ohio State
- Transmission Contracted Separately via Local Utility
  - Delivery through PJM System
  - Actual costs and credits passed through to Ohio State

## **Lessons Learned**

- Strategic Planning
- Appreciation of a Complex Negotiation Process
- Stakeholder Buy-In/Varied Perspectives
- Understanding of Special Regulatory Issues
- Receptiveness to Novel Utility Acquisition Models



## **Benefits Realized**

- Reduced Carbon Footprint
- Enhanced Sustainability Ratings
- Significant Publicity
- Utility Cost Security
- Aggregate Utility Cost Savings

