



Facilities Management | 201 Carter Drive, Suite 300  
West Chester, PA 19383 | 610-436-2712 | [www.wcupa.edu](http://www.wcupa.edu)

Philadelphia Energy Authority  
Attn: Emily Schapira, President & CEO  
1400 JFK Boulevard  
City Hall Room 566  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 686-4483  
[Info@philaenergy.org](mailto:Info@philaenergy.org)

Dear Ms. Schapira:

My name is Dave McNamara and I serve as Senior Associate Vice President of Facilities at West Chester University. I am writing to extend my support to the Philadelphia Energy Authority as it pursues funding from the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program, which is designed to enable states, municipalities, tribes, and territories to 1) implement ambitious measures that will achieve significant cumulative GHG reductions by 2030 and beyond, 2) pursue measures that will achieve substantial community benefits in low-income and disadvantaged communities, 3) complement other funding sources to maximize GHG reductions and community benefits, and 4) pursue innovative policies and programs that are replicable and can be scaled up across multiple jurisdictions.

Enrolling more than 17,000 students, West Chester University is the largest member of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education, which is comprised of 10 state-owned universities within the Commonwealth of PA. Founded in 1871, the University is a comprehensive public institution, offering a diverse range of more than 180 academic opportunities in 40 fields of study across undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels. In addition to the main campus in West Chester, the University offers programs through its graduate center, the campus in Philadelphia, and online. Six colleges and two schools comprise the University: University College, Colleges of Arts and Humanities, Business and Public Management, Education and Social Work, Health Sciences, and the Sciences and Mathematics, as well as the Wells School of Music, and the Graduate School. The University is classified as an R2 ("Doctoral Universities – High Research Activity") by Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education; R2 universities have "high research activity" in academic settings where teaching is the priority. The University serves as an anchor institution within the community and demonstrates community commitment through its Fostering and Sustaining Community priority within its strategic plan; Center for Community Solutions that employs students to complete projects to meet community need; and Center for Civic Engagement and Social Impact that encourages and supports students' volunteerism and service-learning opportunities, for example. This commitment to working with and for community is demonstrated at the local through international levels and through the genuine care and service among the faculty, staff, alumni, and students. The University is also a Military Friendly Schools gold

*West Chester University of Pennsylvania is a member of the State System of Higher Education*

status member and has received the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine for four consecutive years.

We intend to participate in or directly assist in the design and performance of a project that meets these four goals by installing a dedicated geothermal well loop in lieu of a traditional HVAC system which will reduce carbon emissions, electrical costs and provide better operational performance efficiencies. West Chester University is one of the national Higher Education leaders in Sustainable practices and this project will advance our efforts to be carbon neutral in the forthcoming years.

We look forward to playing a role in helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across Southeastern Pennsylvania with the goal of protecting human health and the environment as part of this transformative opportunity.

Sincerely,  
Dave McNamara  
Senior Associate Vice President of Facilities  
West Chester University  
201 Carter Drive Suite 300, West Chester PA 19383  
610-436-3201  
[dmcnamara@wcupa.edu](mailto:dmcnamara@wcupa.edu)

