

STOCKTON COLLEGE

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



Stockton Receives Nearly \$3.5 Million in Board of Public Utilities Grant Funding for Solar Panel Project

Photovoltaic Panels Mounted on “Carports” in Parking Lot to Be One of the Largest Projects of its Kind in United States; Energy Savings to Pay for Installation

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey was one of seven grant recipients statewide for renewable energy projects on campus. The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities awarded Stockton \$3.46 million through the state’s “Innovation in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy – Public Entities” program. Sixty-four proposals from state agencies competed for a share of a total of \$20.6 million total available funds from the State Energy Program. Funding for this program was requested by the state through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

The funds will be used for several innovative energy-saving projects including the construction of “carports” on supporting photovoltaic panels on the North Parking Lot of the Galloway Township campus. LED lighting to will replace existing metal halide and fluorescent fixtures, and solar hot water heaters and improved energy management systems will be introduced in college residence halls.

The funds represent the largest single grant for construction projects in Stockton’s history. The grant is also Stockton’s first allocation of federal economic stimulus funding.

“Naturally we are pleased to have been recognized for our environmental stewardship, which has always been a priority at Stockton,” said Dr. Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., President of the College. “The funding will allow us to re-invest in sustainable technology for a greater return in energy efficiency. Projects such as this one demonstrate our commitment to the green movement and to the responsible use of tax and tuition dollars.”

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The grant funds will enable the College to continue building more carports in the parking lot which will initially total 930 parking spaces. As an immediate benefit, students and staff who