

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
County of Cook and State of Illinois**

**The Environmental Technology Department Receives \$80,000 Grant for a
Six Course Sustainable Energy Technology Curriculum for Community Colleges**

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS- that Wilbur Wright College's Environmental Technology department has received an \$80,000 grant from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to design a six-course sustainable energy technology curriculum to be used as a pilot program at Wright College and eventually be implemented at other Illinois community colleges.

The goal of the project is for the DCEO to be able to reduce the cost of doing business in this state and increase the building trades industry volume by enhancing the energy efficiency and renewable energy job skills of the next generation of Illinois' energy technicians and professionals. Through the market development of energy efficiency and renewable energy services, and workforce training in those sectors, DCEO can replace the costs of high business and residential energy bills with the economic advantages of expanding high-wage building trades and construction industries.

Once the curriculum is designed and tested, it must be approved by the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB). Then it will be made available for implementation through other Illinois technical and community colleges. The intent is to make the program available for the duplication throughout the state in order to meet the workforce needs for implementing sustainable energy technology.

Respectfully submitted,

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