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**DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL SERVICES RECEIVES ENERGY REBATES FROM OG&E**

**OKLAHOMA CITY** –By participating in OG&E’s Standard Offer and Commercial Lighting Programs, the Department of Central Services (DCS) Office of Facility Management (OFM) has been awarded \$17,990.00 in additional energy rebates. The total energy rebate received to date is now \$87,146.70 with future rebates expected. DCS through its sustainability efforts is achieving its environmental conservation goals. These goals are conserving the environment as well as saving tax payer dollars. OFM has worked hard to lower energy consumption across all OFM managed buildings and grounds by researching, identifying and implementing energy efficiencies. DCS has also been recognized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for demonstrating environmental leadership by significantly reducing its portfolio-wide energy usage by 20 percent.

“We are very proud of the hard work the DCS OFM office in minimizing the environmental impact of state operated buildings,” said John Richard, Director of DCS. Richard added, “The success of these energy conservation initiatives is evidenced by EPA recognition as well as OG&E program rebates.”

Recognizing the need for energy efficiency, the sustainability project began in 2008. Sustainability efforts have been integrated, where feasible, at every level of DCS. The OFM office, which manages nineteen state buildings along with the Capitol State Park, has instituted energy efficient upgrades and conservation plans. In addition, OFM has charted the “Energy Champions” program. This program offers conservation and sustainability improvement plans for other state agencies. DCS remains committed to the improvement of awareness in energy efficiencies and will continue to support state agencies sustainability efforts in all state operated buildings.

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