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**Division of Environmental Quality Announces Energy Performing Contracting Project**  
*Energy-efficiency improvements will save the state millions*

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK**—The Division of Environmental Quality’s (DEQ) Office of Energy is proud to announce a new Energy Performance Contracting project with the Arkansas Department of Corrections (DOC) and Entegry. The project—which will include energy-efficiency improvements at DOC’s Tucker Unit, Tucker Max Unit, and Tucker Re-Entry Facility, as well as multi-megawatt solar installations for DOC’s Division of Corrections and Division of Community Corrections—will result in \$3.2 million in annual savings for DOC. This project represents the second phase of energy-efficiency improvements at DOC, with phase 1 having begun in 2017.

“Since taking office six years ago, my administration has taken steps to transform Arkansas state government to become more streamlined and cost-efficient,” said Governor Asa Hutchinson. “The latest project from the now consolidated Department of Corrections is exactly the type of transformation we hoped to see. I applaud Secretary Graves and Secretary Keogh for the work they have done with their respective agencies in allowing cost savings projects like this to occur.”

The Arkansas Energy Performance Contracting (AEPC) program drives energy-efficiency solutions that result in considerable savings. The program offers assistance to state agencies, institutions of higher education, municipalities, counties, and school districts, to help navigate the process and ensure that Pre-Qualified Energy Service Companies maintain the highest levels of quality.

Becky Keogh, E&E Cabinet Secretary, said the AEPC program “promotes efficiency in state government, having guaranteed Arkansas taxpayers nearly \$500 million in savings since 2013. We commend the DOC for its collaborative and innovative approach to reducing costs, conserving energy resources, and creating efficiencies.”

For more information about the AEPC program and pre-qualified Energy Service Companies, visit <https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/energy/incentives/performance.aspx>.

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