

Pace University Commits to Better Buildings Challenge

Pleasantville, N.Y. — In a bid to become a leader in long-term energy conservation, Pace University announces its official commitment to the U.S. Department of Energy's Better Buildings Challenge.

Organizations participating in the Better Buildings Challenge commit to cutting energy use across buildings at least 20 percent over 10 years. Organizations and their peers share cutting-edge technologies and best practices in building operations in the name of advancing energy efficiency across the country.

"It is our goal to showcase Pace University's commitment to sustainability nationally, through the success of the Better Building Challenge," said Ryan McEnany, Director of Energy & Resiliency at Pace.

In recent years, Pace has made a commitment to further sustainability throughout its campuses. In 2007, Pace became a charter member of the NYC Carbon Challenge, which supports urban-based climate resiliency programs and corporations. To help achieve this goal, Pace partnered with [Cenergistic in 2017](#), a national energy conservation company, to reduce emissions across facilities.

Since the beginning of the partnership, Pace has cut energy use 17 percent. Energy reductions from the program equate to avoiding carbon emissions produced by the average car driving approximately 22 million miles or the energy use of 1,545 houses in a year.

"The hope is our partnership can drive further savings," said Jose Flores, one of two Energy Specialists for Pace University. "Joining the Better Buildings Challenge gives us the opportunity to position Pace as a national leader in sustainability."

To find opportunities for savings, Pace personnel work closely with Cenergistic experts and the Energy Specialists to audit and optimize energy-using systems across the organization to achieve peak efficiency. The Energy Specialists track energy consumption at all campuses with leading state-of-the-art technology to identify waste and drive conservation. During the COVID-19 shutdown, the Energy Specialists continue to audit district facilities for energy inefficiencies both onsite and through online technology.

"The savings from these efforts are critical right now due to the uncertainty caused by the pandemic," said McEnany. "We are able to stay under budget for our energy expenditures this fiscal year, which overall helps when there are many increased costs to operate under these conditions. However, the most important aspect is safety for our students, faculty and staff, and working with Cenergistic to evaluate buildings has been critical in this respect."

About Pace University

Ranked the #1 private, four-year college in the nation for upward economic mobility by Harvard University's Opportunity Insights, Pace University provides a transformative education for its diverse students—academically, professionally, and socioeconomically.

About Cenergistic

Since 1986 Cenergistic has partnered with 1470+ educational, municipal government and healthcare organizations to achieve \$5.8 billion in utility savings and cost avoidance. These strong results come from the application of Cenergistic's organizational behavior-based strategies and are enhanced by our proprietary software platform to drive building and equipment optimization. Our energy conservation program reduces utility consumption by an average of 25% with no capital investment while maintaining or improving the comfort and quality of building environments. For more than a decade, Cenergistic has been recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency as ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year or Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence. To learn more, visit www.cenergistic.com.

About Better Buildings Challenge

The Better Buildings Challenge is one component of the Better Buildings Initiative, through which DOE partners with 950 public and private sector organizations to drive cost-effective and proven strategies to improve the energy efficiency of the nation's buildings, plants, and homes. To date, nearly \$11 billion and 1.8 quadrillion British thermal units (Btus) of energy have been saved by partners in Better Buildings.

Through Better Buildings, DOE aims to make commercial, public, industrial, and residential buildings 20% more energy efficient over the next decade. This means saving billions of dollars on energy bills, reducing emissions, and creating thousands of jobs. Discover more than 2,800 proven solutions from Better Buildings, Better Plants partners in the Better Buildings Solution Center.