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**ENERGY UPGRADES AT STATE FACILITIES TO RESULT IN \$20 MILLION SAVINGS  
AND \$720,000 NATIONAL GRID REBATE**

The New York State Office of General Services (OGS) and the New York Power Authority (NYPA) have partnered on three newly completed energy efficiency projects, totaling approximately \$6.5 million, at Empire State Plaza and the W. Averell Harriman State Office Building Campus in Albany that will result in more than \$20 million in energy savings over the next two decades at those state government facilities. National Grid will provide rebates in excess of \$720,000.

“Reducing energy use leads to lower costs at state buildings which ultimately benefits the taxpayers of New York State,” Commissioner Destito said. “By partnering with NYPA and utilizing National Grid’s rebate program we are able to move closer to the goals set forth by Governor Cuomo in Executive Order 88.”

“The Power Authority, as the administrator of the Build Smart NY program, is working hard to reduce energy use in state buildings all across the state,” said Gil C. Quiniones, NYPA president and chief executive officer. “The energy-saving improvements completed at these three facilities will save taxpayers millions of dollars and protect the environment for generations to come.”

The energy efficiency measures included the replacement of 196 older inefficient motors and the replacement of metal halide fixtures in building 17 at the Harriman Campus. In addition, improvements to the system that supplies condenser water for the Plaza summer cooling operation and free cooling during the winter months at the OGS river pumping station were undertaken. Upgrades to the Plaza chilled water plant cooling and control systems were also part of the improvements.

NYPA oversees the implementation of energy-efficiency projects from an initial energy audit through completion and provides upfront financing, recovering its costs by sharing in the savings on customers’ energy bills.

Governor Cuomo’s issuance of Executive Order 88, which called for an increase in energy efficiency in state government buildings by 20 percent by 2020, was the impetus for the Governor’s Build Smart NY

program. The statewide Build Smart NY initiative will save millions of dollars for taxpayers and create thousands of jobs while significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

"Energy efficiency is the best way to reduce use and cost. By working with the New York State Office of General Services, in cooperation with the New York Power Authority, several energy efficiency projects were completed that included improved design and functionality at one of the largest chiller operations in the country. We are able to give the state over \$720,000 in rebates towards their goal to improve energy efficiency," said Laura Poltynski, National Grid Upstate New York Commercial Energy Efficiency Manager.

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