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Sen. Frank Barnitz Announces DNR Energy Center Loan for UMR

JEFFERSON CITY – State Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, today announced that the University of Missouri-Rolla will receive a loan from the Department of Natural Resources' Energy Center to finance lighting upgrades. The department's Energy Center has underwritten \$712,900 for the cost of energy-saving measures through its Energy Loan Program.

“These loans pay for themselves through energy savings and will allow the university to improve classroom conditions for students while saving taxpayer money,” Barnitz said. “The loan will allow UMR to improve lighting in 20 campus buildings by replacing existing lights with higher-efficiency fluorescent lamps.”

The lighting replacement project, which university officials expect to be completed by April, should eventually save the university more than \$163,000 annually in energy costs.

Since the inception of the program in 1989, building improvements financed with Department of Natural Resources' Energy Center loans have resulted in nearly \$72 million in energy savings for public school districts, local governments and public colleges.

Energy efficiency plays a vital role in environmental quality, reducing environmental impacts on Missouri's air and water by displacing fossil fuel generation. Energy efficiency benefits Missouri's economy by reducing the rate at which dollars leave the state for the purchase of fossil fuels.

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