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Bridgeport Hospital recognized for energy efficiency efforts

Bridgeport Hospital has received an ENERGY STAR[®] award for its energy efficiency and environmental protection efforts from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF). The hospital expects to save more than \$350,000 a year in energy costs, thanks to a series of high-efficiency equipment upgrades completed between December 2010 and December 2011. The work was done in cooperation with the United Illuminating Company (UI), Southern Connecticut Gas and other utility providers through the CEEF's Energy Opportunities Program.

The improvements include lighting retrofits and an energy management system as well as replacements and repairs to the heat recovery system. Together, the upgrades are projected to save the hospital more than 2.2 million kilowatt hours of energy a year. In addition, the CEEF presented Bridgeport Hospital with an incentive amount of more than \$288,000 for executing these various energy efficiency measures.

Energy Opportunities is an incentive program that helps commercial and industrial customers retrofit or upgrade inefficient equipment such as lighting, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, chillers, motors and controls with the most efficient alternatives.

Bridgeport Hospital has also worked with the UI on a series of initiatives to conserve energy and study the impact of workplace-based charging stations for electric vehicles. Two multi-charging units were installed last year in the Emergency Department garage, making it possible for four vehicles to be charged at the same time.

Established in 1878, Bridgeport Hospital is a not-for-profit, acute care teaching hospital that serves nearly 20,000 inpatients and receives more than 200,000 outpatient visits each year, including more than 75,000 to its emergency department. The hospital has 383 licensed beds and an additional 42 pediatric beds under the Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital license.

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Bridgeport Hospital is the site of The Connecticut Burn Center, the only burn center in Connecticut. Other major services include the Joel E. Smilow Heart Institute, the Norma F. Pfriem Cancer Institute and Norma F. Pfriem Breast Care Center, the Women's Care Center (offering comprehensive maternity and gynecological care), the Joint Reconstruction Center, Ahlbin Rehabilitation Centers, the Center for Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Medicine, the Center for Sleep Medicine and the Center for Geriatrics.

Bridgeport Hospital is also a state-designated primary stroke center. Additional specialties include neurology and neurosurgery, psychiatry, pulmonary medicine, urology and vascular surgery. The hospital is also a leader in *da Vinci* robot-assisted minimally invasive surgery, having performed nearly 1,500 robotic surgery procedures, more than any other hospital in Fairfield County.

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