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Best Practices Toolkit: Energy Performance Contracting for Higher Education

The American Colleges and Universities Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) and the William J. Clinton Foundation's Climate Initiative (CCI) have partnered to dramatically increase the number of energy efficiency retrofit projects in U.S. colleges and universities using Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) as one vehicle for implementation. EPC is a contractual and financing mechanism through which building owners can undertake comprehensive energy efficiency retrofits with minimal financial exposure and risk.

The ACUPCC and CCI, with the assistance of many industry experts (see below), have created a best practices toolkit as a comprehensive resource for signatories interested in learning about and conducting an EPC. It includes an EPC overview, highlights critical issues, provides in-depth financing information, contains sample documents, and details industry and state resources. The toolkit also describes CCI's Energy Efficiency Building Retrofit Program (EEBRP), which brings together private sector financial institutions, energy services companies (ESCOs), and product manufacturers to lower project costs and reduce risks in EPC projects. This toolkit is intended to support a project team throughout the EPC process, from early stage opportunity assessment to contract negotiation, implementation, and beyond.

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