

UCSD receives 'Energy Manager of the Year Award'

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The University of California, San Diego has received the "Energy Manager of the Year Award" from the San Diego Chapter of the Association of Professional Energy Managers (APEM), a national organization of utility, governmental, and commercial energy professionals.

The award is for general energy management over the past year. According to John Lasswell, manager of utility operations for Physical Plant Services, the unique success of the year in this general category was UCSD's Thermal Energy Storage Project. The first year savings in electricity is approximately \$475,000, and thereafter it is expected to be \$600,000 to \$700,000 a year over the 20-year contract with the state of California.

The award was presented at the chapter's Aug. 15 annual awards meeting at San Diego Gas & Electric headquarters. Accepting the award with Lasswell were Mort Shayegan, director of engineering, Physical Plant Services, and Gerry White, assistant director of engineering services, Design & Construction.

As recipient of the award from APEM's local chapter, UCSD is a nominee for a national award in this year's general energy management category.

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