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Dear SWATeam members,

As another academic year is coming to the end, we at iSEE want to congratulate you all for your many achievements and thank you for making this a successful year of moving toward goals outlined in the Illinois Climate Action Plan (iCAP). Each of the six teams has worked on multiple recommendations; some of them were submitted to the iCAP Working Group. And after careful evaluation, several recommendations were sent to the appropriate campus units.

Some key examples:

- The eGen recommendation to build a second solar farm was discussed at the Sustainability Council, and we are moving forward with a Request for Proposals.
- The ECBS recommendation about energy conservation funding was delivered to the Provost this April, and it will be considered when the F&S budget is being decided.
- The ALUFS recommendation to develop a Best Management Practices plan for South Farms non-research land is being discussed with the Dean of ACES this month.

Our iCAP procedures have been running effectively because of your tremendous efforts. In particular, in the past year we all worked hard to ensure feedback between all of us and the Sustainability Council (led by the Chancellor), between SWATeams and iWG, and between iWG and the campus units we contacted about turning our recommendations into reality. The three appointed SWATeam clerks (Rebecca Laurent, Carol Lin, and Colleen Williams) have helped the teams function much better this year. We also appreciate their excellent contributions to the iCAP Portal.

The University is committed to become carbon neutral as soon as possible and no later than 2050. SWATeams play a key role to achieve that goal. All of you have conducted excellent service to the campus, which will eventually make our campus a model of sustainability for the nation. We thank you for your time, your enthusiasm and your continuous efforts.

You will be contacted soon for your willingness to serve on SWATeams in 2018-19. We hope you will continue your service.

Sincerely,

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