# *Thank you for your commitment to green initiatives at the University of Illinois. One of the ongoing requirements listed in the terms of the funding agreement for your project is the submission of semesterly reports with key information about your project. In addition to this form, please provide additional financial documentation and/or progress photos if available.*

# *Please be as accurate as possible in describing the project (including possible setbacks or challenges in meeting the initial goals of the project). Not fully meeting your project's goals will not disqualify you from making future funding requests as long as your reports are as complete and accurate as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the Student Sustainability Committee, at* [*sustainability-committee@illinois.edu*](mailto:sustainability-committee@illinois.edu)*.*

**Project Name:** Illini Lights Out Pilot Project

**Date of Report Submission:** 3/8/2018

**Project Purpose:**

Responding to Objective 4 of the ECBS SWATeam, we wanted to engage students in energy conservation directly, by organizing students to conserve energy by turning off lights in campus buildings on Friday nights that would otherwise likely be left on over the weekend.

**Detailed Accounting of Expenditures to Date:**

I believe Micah will provide this.

**Project Progress to Date:**

The project was implemented from September 2016 through May 2017, as a pilot project. The SWATeam sponsored 7 Illini Lights Out events over the academic year. Each one was well-attended with usually 20 – 30 students participating. Funds from SSC were used to purchase pizza for the participants.

**Student Involvement and Outreach to Date:**

A SWATeam student member, Alex Dzurick, led each ILO event. Student volunteers (20-30 each event) went to 10-15 buildings on campus turning off lights. The pilot project ended with the last ILO on April 28, 2016.

**Marketing and Promotion Efforts to Date:**

iSEE staff organized a Facebook page where students could sign up to be volunteers. Most of the promotions of ILO were through the FB page and word of mouth. We also worked with the service fraternity, APO, to invite participants.

**Additional Comments:**

The $1000 in funds contributed by SSC were vital to this pilot project. The funds were only used for pizza and I do not believe we used the full $1000.

By having a successful piloting of this program, it has now been taken over by iSEE and is being run by two student interns at iSEE.