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Project Questionnaire

Please provide proper and accurate information.

1. Name of project *

Steven S. Wymer Hall (Wymer Hall), formerly the South Campus Center for Interdisciplinary Learning (SCCIL) The Board of Trustees approved renaming the facility Steven S. Wymer Hall at the March 30 meeting.

2. Date project received financial award letter *

May 5, 2023 and December 4, 2023

3. Date of forecasted project completion *

January 7, 2025 Substantial Completion date

4. Date of report submission *

May 1, 2024

5. Marketing and promotion efforts to date *

Gies College of Business has updated the webpage on the public site devoted to Wymer Hall. Here is the webpage: <https://giesbusiness.illinois.edu/wymerhall> where you will see the SSC credit. Gies MarCom produced a progress video through 2023. At the bottom is a link to the online article about the geothermal mechanical system, with quotes from SSC members. Wymer Hall was voted "Best Construction Site" as published in the March 2024 edition of The Daily Illini.

6. Please describe project progress *

Construction has been progressing on schedule since mobilization on May 8, 2023. Contractors completed drilling operations for the geothermal wells in March. That effort was followed by boring from the military axis north, under existing east/west utilities to reach Wymer Hall and establish connection of the wells to the building. Current work includes rough grading of the military axis in anticipation of seeding the area for restoration of the green space.

7. Please describe how your project integrates student involvement and community outreach *

The Gies College of Business Spring 2024 course, FIN 418 – Financial Modeling, invited representatives from Gies Facilities, University Real Estate Services and the Development Partner to talk about Public Private Partnership (P3) real estate transactions such as Wymer Hall. The March 20th class was concluded with a jobsite tour for interested students.

Since December 2023, Gies leadership has been coordinating monthly conversations with University Real Estate Services, the Development Partner and Facilities and Services leadership around the Gies net zero aspiration. The team hopes to identify a path forward using a Memo of Understanding (MOU) to formally document the agreement.

From the Step 2 application:

We intend to involve students in the development of the Project and its geothermal exchange, leveraging this opportunity as a learning laboratory. Classes from a variety of programs, including the Gies College of Business, Grainger College of Engineering, and the Department of Geology, will be invited to the site to learn about various aspects of the Project's sustainability attributes and systems.

The Project team will continue to engage the SSC, seeking opportunities for further student engagement, developing digital communications on the SSC's involvement and contribution, real time data usage opportunities on the geothermal exchange system, and other sustainability metrics on the digital displays throughout Wymer Hall.

In terms of inspiring change at the University of Illinois, our goal is to develop a strategy and approach so that this concept can be incorporated into other new construction and renovation projects. The Project team envisions a future where many of the green spaces at the University could serve a similar purpose, all without impacting these beautiful spaces for the enjoyment of students, faculty, staff and visitors. This would make for a very compelling sustainability story and one we feel will resonate with a wide audience.

Lastly, the Project team is utilizing Wymer Hall as the inspiration to revisit the sustainability goals of the Gies College of Business. Through this collaboration, the team is actively exploring measures to make Gies the first net zero energy college on campus. The Project team is receptive to teaming with the SSC and other campus groups to accomplish this ambitious goal. In doing so, we hope to create opportunities to utilize these spaces to become learning laboratories and communicating the business case for deep green.


Project Documentation

8. Please upload updated financial documentation for your project

<https://studentengagement.illinois.edu/student-sustainability/ssc/docs/SSC-Supplemental-Budget-Timeline.xlsx> *


 [SSC-Step2-Supplemental-Budget-and-Timeline Wy_Arlene Vespa 1.xlsx](#)


9. Please upload project photography *


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