

## EmPower TN

### *A Statewide Real Estate Energy Savings Initiative*

EmPower TN is an initiative to reduce energy consumption and costs across state-owned and managed facilities.

The state can implement an enterprise-wide energy management strategy across its real estate portfolio by:

- Measuring and controlling energy use;
- Investing in increasing energy efficiency and renewable energy generation;
- Creating an operational environment of excellence; and
- Promoting energy cost savings across the state through conservation and efficiency in local government and the private sector.

#### **More About EmPower TN**

- Currently, the state receives approximately 7,000-plus monthly utility bills, and pays an estimated \$192.5 million annually in total utility costs.
- The Tennessee General Assembly demonstrated great leadership in approving the state budget for 2015-16 which included funding for EmPower TN of approximately \$43.7 million:
  - \$37.5 million for state energy efficiency projects.
  - \$6.2 million for acquisition and implementation of a statewide energy management system to manage the state's utility bills and identify future priority efficiency opportunities.
- While the focus of EmPower TN is state-owned and managed facilities, the hope is that the program will be a model and training tool for local Tennessee government and attract the support of private and nonprofit organizations interested in promoting energy conservation, clean and renewable energy development.
- More information on EmPower TN including program status updates as they become available, can be accessed by visiting [www.tn.gov/empowertn](http://www.tn.gov/empowertn).

#### **The Need for Transformation**

All state government agencies have a responsibility to the 6.5 million Tennesseans we serve to make sure we're providing the best service at the lowest possible cost.

By measuring and controlling energy use, investing in energy efficiency and renewable power generation and creating an operational environment of excellence, EmPower TN will develop a sustainable energy management path. This path includes exploring opportunities to use on-site renewable generation to "hedge" against future utility rate increases.

Using energy more efficiently is a critical first step in reducing costs and improving the state's environmental footprint, which keeps our state an attractive place to live, work, and visit.