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Photo left to right: Phil Sealy (UW-Platteville), Melanie Krause (Menasha Utilities), Eric Kostecki (WPPI Energy), Martin Rudd (UW-Fox Valley), Kristi Gimmel Becker (UW-Platteville), Fang Yang (UW-Platteville), Warren Vaz (UW-Fox Valley), Lisa Miotke (WPPI Energy).

UW Installs Solar Array in Menasha

A solar photovoltaic (PV) array was installed on the roof of the UW-Platteville building on the UW-Fox Valley campus with assistance from Menasha Utilities' wholesale power provider WPPI Energy. The array will produce approximately 14,430 kilowatt hours of electricity annually, which is about 9 percent of the electric consumption for the building.

One of the goals of the project is to facilitate renewable energy-related research and education. The availability of a solar PV system onsite will offer engineering students opportunities to work on real-world renewable energy equipment and help faculty with renewable energy-related research projects. In addition, the school plans to present workshops to introduce the installed solar PV system, and class/research projects enabled by the solar PV system.

UW-Platteville received \$13,750 through an MU and WPPI Energy program that provides incentive funding for non-profit organizations looking to do a renewable energy project on their property. The projects, which can include solar photovoltaic panels or arrays and wind turbines to generate electricity, are intended to help lower energy costs across the customer base and promote a commitment to the environment.

"We want to make customer-sited renewable energy projects more accessible for our local nonprofit organizations. These projects not only help customers lower energy costs and provide them a sense of ownership of their electricity, they also show our community's commitment to making environmentally responsible choices," said Melanie Krause, Menasha Utilities General Manager.

The project was completed in March 2018.

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