Biomass Power





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- Wood supply
- Campus growth & future needs
- Wood boilers
- Proposed sites
- Costs & savings
- Funding
- Recommendations











CMU Wood Boiler Plant

(note: only water vapor is coming from stack) photo - Jim Leidel 2005



Existing Central Heating Plant

Unit	Capacity (MMBTU/hr)	Year Installed	Age in years / Condition
B-1	100	1969	39 / good
B-2	100	1969	39 / good
B-3	34	1959	49 / fair
B-4	32	1957	51 / marginal
Total	265		



Oakland University Ten Year Fall Enrollment Growth with 2020 Vision





Oakland University Ten Year Energy Growth with 2020 Vision 2020 Projection based on \$0.085/kWhr electricity and \$11/MMBTU gas







EPI Fluid Bed

(Steam & HW)

English Stoker

(Steam & HW)





Hurst Stoker (HW Only)

Vynke Stoker (Steam & HW)







Three Proposed Site Locations









Estimated Project Budget for Site Two



Site #2 at Spencer Substation

CONSTRUCTION COSTS:	Feet	Cost/ft	Cost	Notes	
HTHW connection		\$2,750	\$ 3,300,000		
13.2kV electric connection		\$250	\$ 75,000		
Sitework: development, parking, etc			\$ 1,000,000	allowance	
Roadways	1,300		\$ 2,250,000	estimate based on comparison to site #1 estima	
Storm water relocation			\$ -		
Boiler Plant			\$ 25,540,000	EPI fluidized bed with steam cogeneration option	
Subtotal		\$ 32,165,000			
Permits & agency reviews		\$ 50,000	allowance		
Construction contingency		\$ 3,216,500	10%		
Contractor fees, general conditions, insurance		n/a	all construcion cost included in boiler plant cost		
Construction Subtotal		\$ 35,431,500			
OWNER COSTS:					
Architectural & engineering fees		\$ 2,125,890	6%		
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment		\$ 55,000	allowance		
Sound & video security		\$ 50,000	allowance		
Telecommunications & data		\$ 80,000	allowance		
Singe		\$ 30,000	allowance		
Testing, survey, borings		\$ 75,000	allowance		
Owner contingency			\$ 5,314,725	15%	
Debt placement			\$ 708,630	2%	
Total Project Cost		\$ 43,870,745			

Operating Cost Estimates



Estimated Payback



Biomass boiler plant	\$43.9M		
Avoided cost for existing B-4	(\$ 3.0M)		
Avoided cost for oil system	(\$ 1.3M)		
Net biomass boiler plant cost	\$40.3M		
Net annual operating costs	\$ 1.7M		
Simple Payback	23-24 yrs		

























	Existing F M	ossil Fuel ix	Proposed Renewable Energy	
	Thermal (Heating)	Electrical	Thermal (Heating)	Electrical
Central Heating Plant (natural gas)	100%		20%	
Detroit Edison		95%		20%
Diesel Generators		5%		10%
Biomass Boiler Plant			80%	50%
Wind Power				20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%



Proposed Funding Sources

- 1. Issue 15 to 20 year bonds
- 2. Seek partners willing to enter into a third party "owned & operated" arrangement. Several potential parties have been identified that could provide this option.



Recommendations

- Select project site
- Select financing method
- Solicit bids for design/build contractor
- Begin the detailed engineering for the boiler plant, building, roadways, and utility interconnections to the selected site
 Begin permitting process
 Establish a utility interconnection agreement

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