

Spoon River College

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

In January 2007, CTS Group was selected through a competitive Request for Proposal process to be Spoon River College’s Life Cycle Infrastructure Program Manager. Over the next three months CTS completed an Infrastructure and Energy Assessment of the campus facilities which culminated into a new Facilities Master Plan for the college.

GRANTS RECEIVED \$150,097



“I have found CTS Group to be a company of integrity, excellent construction knowledge and ability, and exceptional communicators with their clients. Our experience has been first rate. Any issues were handled without question and to our satisfaction. They went above and beyond to make everything the way we wanted it to be. All of our projects were completed on time, within budget, and with no change orders. I liked the fact that CTS was “one head to hit” for me. I did not have to worry about the blame game between contractors. If there was an issue, I told CTS Group about it and it was taken care of...immediately. I would highly recommend CTS Group to anyone contemplating construction projects.”

— Brett Stoller, Vice President of Administrative Services

Facilities Master Plan

The Facilities Master Plan included recommendations for revitalization of existing facilities through energy retrofits and facility improvements and extended to a sustainable, renewable energy conscious design for future capital projects. The next step included working with the College administration and Board of Trustees to consider implementation phases that were aligned with the college’s strategic capital planning.

New Campus Centers at Havana and Rushville Sites

These projects involved the construction of two new roughly 5,000 square foot outreach centers at Havana and Rushville. These new facilities added much needed classroom space in a learning friendly environment. The previous facilities were leased and were not originally designed as classroom space. The new buildings were designed and built with the college student and class in mind. These construction projects were important to the College because they provided much needed space for the expanding needs of their students.



Rushville Campus



Havana Campus

Spoon River College

Renovating the Maccomb Campus

Spoon River College had the ability to envision the potential that a vacant structure held for their Maccomb campus. With careful planning and design practices, the College and CTS were able to transform the property into a facility the community is now proud of.

The purchase of the vacant 81,000 sq. ft. commercial property and subsequent construction of a state-of-the-art community college education center provides for a workforce training center and a community center to accommodate the needs of Maccomb's growing population base of businesses and residents alike. The Phase I project consisted of 15,000 square feet on the east end of the building and contains a conference center, three classrooms and two computer labs for community and workforce education, office space, and a small kitchen/prep area for food service for the conference center. This project involved completely gutting what was left in the existing building, and installing new walls, doors, flooring, lighting, electrical, plumbing and mechanical. The college was presented with the option of installing traditional rooftop equipment or putting in a high efficiency geothermal system. The Geothermal Grant from Illinois Clean Energy has helped Spoon River College install geothermal HVAC equipment as part of the renovation. The geothermal system allows the College to significantly reduce their impact on the environment and save a significant amount of money and energy over the long term. The grant funds helped offset the increase in the initial cost of a geothermal system versus a traditional rooftop unit system.



Commercial facility before renovation begins



Interior before renovation



Interior before renovation



Demolition of exterior facade



Geothermal well drilling



Roof condition before renovation



New entrance construction



Interior renovation underway

Spoon River College



New Macomb Facility

Results

Spoon River College continues to grow in student enrollment. “We feel this growth is attributed to the steps the college has taken to improve the learning environment both with our physical space upgrades and new programs,” said Brett Stoller. “The College is committed to improving student success through curriculum changes, staff training and facility improvements. Spoon River College understands that student success is directly related to the quality of the learning environment. We strive to ensure that each facility meets standards set to optimize each student’s ability to learn. Spoon River College takes great pride in the quality and condition of our facilities.”

Spoon River College has dealt with the demands of running a community college covering five counties and creating new educational opportunities for their students. Spoon River College is proud of their 50 year history and looks forward to a successful future with greatly improved learning environments and modernized facilities.

