

# The Research and Economic Development Center

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## Conclusion

I hope that you have enjoyed your trip through my building and my research. Hopefully you have learned a great deal about the various building systems. By recommending the changes that I have, the building will run smoother and be more useful for the building's occupants. This research is also not completed. For every topic one must pick a logical place to stop but more can always be done and each topic could be expanded. The next section recommends ways to continue on with this research.

## Continuing Research

If one were to desire to continue any of the research that has begun during this thesis, here are some suggestions of where to go.

### WBE/MBE Solicitation

- Continue on with the survey and attempt to get a broader range of respondents.
- Interview DGS and find out why they have this program.
- Do a more in-depth research of what state have a similar program and find out what if any problems they have encountered. Also find out if any states have banned the program and why.
- Talk to owners for DGS projects and explain what the impact of the solicitation is.

### Cladding Analysis

- Find out why the specified cladding is having difficulties and what it would take to fix it.
- Look for other materials to redesign the building with.

### Skylight Analysis

- What would a different skylight do?
- Could there be an artistic way to leave it in and not have it be noticeable?
- What happens if the building is built as specified and they want to change it later?

### Windmill Analysis

- Go more in-depth with the electrical analysis.
- Would other types of windmills make a difference? Different Heights?
- Find out what it would take to make a wind farm on PSU Erie Campus to power the campus.
- See about having the power go directly to the hot water or some other full time power load.



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