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ST. LUKE'S RECEIVES INCENTIVES FROM IDAHO POWER FOR INCREASING ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Boise, ID (January 18, 2006) – St. Luke's Regional Medical Center has received a total of \$188,385 in incentives through Idaho Power energy efficiency programs for enhancing energy conservation in 2005 at St. Luke's Boise, St. Luke's Meridian, and St. Luke's Wood River hospitals, and at the new St. Luke's Internal Medicine Cloverdale clinic in Boise.

St. Luke's enrolled in the Idaho Power Industrial Efficiency Program in the spring of 2005. Throughout the year, St. Luke's invested more than \$600,000 in energy efficiency measures at its Boise, Meridian and Wood River hospital campuses.

Projects included re-commissioning of Boise, Meridian, and Wood River Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems, adding variable frequency drives to slow down fan and pump motors, upgrading energy management controls, and the addition of an energy monitoring system to benchmark the energy performance of facilities.

"Because St. Luke's facilities are operating 24-hours a day, it is important that we use energy in the most efficient manner possible," said Roger Dean, Director of St. Luke's Building Services. "By participating in this program we have decreased our electricity consumption and can keep a closer eye on how we use energy."

Through the changes St. Luke's made to make facilities more energy efficient, it is predicted that St. Luke's will save 2.75 million kilowatt-hours per year – enough electricity to provide power to a 200-home subdivision for a year.

"This is an example of projects that are good for both St. Luke's, as well as for all Idaho Power customers," said Randy Thorn, Idaho Power program specialist. "Energy conservation is a least-cost resource when compared to the cost of purchased power or the cost of building new power plants."

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In addition to a \$186,000 incentive received from the Industrial Efficiency Program, St. Luke's received \$2,385 from the Building Efficiency program for energy efficient air conditioning units and exit signs at the new St. Luke's Internal Medicine Cloverdale clinic in Boise. The Idaho Power Building Efficiency program recognizes new commercial construction projects for energy efficient design and building.

St. Luke's is looking into additional energy savings projects for 2006 and plans on participating in Idaho Power incentive programs again.

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