

News Release



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LATEST ROUND OF THE BUILDING INNOVATION FUND OPENS TODAY

Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation Paul Caica said the fourth round of the State Government's \$2 million Building Innovation Fund opens today to encourage commercial businesses to enhance the performance of their buildings.

Mr Caica said the Fund - which encourages businesses to explore innovative methods to reduce energy use and cut greenhouse gas emissions from buildings - is open to privately-owned office buildings, universities, not-for-profit associations and many hotels and shopping centres.

"The State Government is committed to supporting new and developing technologies to help reduce the carbon footprint of our built environment," he said.

"These grants encourage commercial building owners to use innovative technologies to reduce energy use and cut greenhouse gas emissions."

Mr Caica said the State Government's \$2 million Building Innovation Fund was established in 2008 and has supported several feasibility studies and capital works projects.

"The findings from these projects are shared to demonstrate the performance of new technologies and to help the industry to better assess the options available to retrofit existing buildings," he said.

"Projects funded from previous rounds include trialling a green wall and green roof in the Adelaide CBD, energy generation technologies including tri-generation, a solar façade and the use of thermography to determine building façade improvements."

The Building Innovation Fund supports the climate change sector agreement between the State Government and the Property Council of Australia.

The Property Council's South Australian Executive Director Nathan Paine said the Fund had inspired renewed enthusiasm for new building technologies and techniques.

"With the help of the Building Innovation Fund, South Australia is continuing its leadership in sustainability in the built environment," Mr Paine said.

"The property sector recognises that energy efficiency and carbon pricing are quickly becoming everyday business considerations. The Fund presents building owners and managers with new options for dealing with these challenges."

Round four opens today and will close on 24 February 2012. For application forms, guidelines and information on projects funded through previous rounds, visit www.sa.gov.au/climatechange