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COLUMBUS, Ohio – On Nov. 2-3, ENGIE co-sponsored HackOHI/O, Ohio State's annual 24-hour hackathon and awarded \$1,000 to a team of students who created a "hack" to help the public understand complicated energy concepts.

A hackathon is an event, which takes place over several days, in which a large number of people meet to engage in collaborative computer programming. A hack is a usually creatively improvised solution to a computer hardware or programming problem or limitation.

HackOHI/O attracts over 800 participants annually from universities across the country and teams can come up with an idea themselves or tackle a challenge presented by HackOHI/O's supporting companies and organizations.

ENGIE's challenge called for students to create a digital dashboard that displays real-time energy data from the 490 Columbus campus buildings in a user-friendly interface.

Out of the 13 teams that created a dashboard for ENGIE's challenge, the winning team, George Li & the Buckbois', solution that combined a student's class schedule and cross-referenced the energy used in their classroom buildings to determine their day-to-day carbon footprint.

ENGIE recently launched a digital platform, Smart Institutions E, on Ohio State's main campus to more accurately track the energy profile of the entire campus and reduce overall energy consumption.

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