



CASE STUDY



UW Credit Union

CONTROLS STREAMLINE MANAGEMENT, CONSERVE ENERGY AT UW CREDIT UNION BRANCHES

PRECISE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF MULTIPLE LOCATIONS WITH I-VU® USER INTERFACE



The i-Vu® user interface — in combination with the control system — allows UW Credit Union staff to monitor, troubleshoot and maximize the efficiency of rooftop units as well as lights, fans and other equipment at branch locations all over Wisconsin.

Project Objectives

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The Solution

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systems. TSI further suggested the Carrier i-Vu® Pro web-based user interface to provide access to controls at many of the credit union's locations. In some instances, this required TSI to introduce the latest Carrier BACnet VVT controls alongside the older 3V controls, creating a mixed control network that communicates seamlessly both at each individual location and within the greater statewide i-Vu network.

The i-Vu interface enables the close tracking and adjustment of equipment for maximum energy efficiency, and provides real-time data on operations at remote locations so the facilities staff can troubleshoot distant equipment directly from their office, saving hours of drive time and reducing calls to the local HVAC contractors who service those locations for the credit union.

Todd Peterson, Facilities Technician III for UW Credit Union, said, "We use the trending capabilities of the i-Vu interface quite often, and we check the temperatures and lights at all networked locations once a week. When someone calls about a change in temperature, we go online and check their setpoints and trends, and use that as a starting point to troubleshoot the concern. If I do need to call my local service technicians at a distant location, I am able to provide full details of the situation before they go in."

The credit union's facility staff and TSI have continued to expand control capabilities. Shane Lyle, Controls Department Manager at Temperature Systems, Inc. said, "We started by integrating the HVAC controls, but we are constantly finding new pieces of equipment that can also be integrated, from exhaust fans to electric signage to space heaters, fireplaces and televisions. The credit union is seeing a positive trend in energy usage, thanks to this greater level of control."

Project Summary

LOCATION: Madison, Milwaukee, Whitewater, Green Bay, Oshkosh and Stevens Point

PROJECT TYPE: Controls

BUILDING SIZE: 13 branches and 78,000 ft² utilizing the i-Vu® controls

BUILDING USAGE: Financial services

OBJECTIVES: Integrate heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) controls with additional building systems; access controls from the corporate office for greater energy efficiency and remote troubleshooting capability.

EQUIPMENT: Carrier 48-series rooftop units (RTUs); additional space heaters, exhaust fans, fireplaces, lighting systems.

CONTROLS: Carrier 3V® Control System; BACnet® VVT® Control System; i-Vu® Pro web-based user interface.

MAJOR DECISION DRIVERS: Rooftop units' capacity for variable volume and temperature zoning to serve multiple areas of a facility with one RTU; BACnet controls' ability to integrate multiple building systems, plus capability to coexist with 3V VVT controls; i-Vu interface's ability to provide web-based access to controls at remote locations.

UNIQUE FEATURES: Statewide monitoring and troubleshooting from corporate office; increased equipment control provides greater energy efficiency and reduced utility costs across the UW Credit Union branches.

INSTALLATION DATE: 2006-2011; ongoing.

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