



UAlbany Data Center Receives Tier III Certification

It's official! The University at Albany has been awarded Tier III Certification for both the design and construction of our new Data Center. UAlbany is the only academic institution in the United States to receive this prestigious certification in these two categories.

What does this certification mean? Tier III Certification is awarded only to those facilities which are 'concurrently maintainable.' As the term implies, this refers to data centers with the ability to provide all equipment with dual power. Such redundancy means that scheduled maintenance on the facility—which is a necessity—can be performed without interrupting the power supply. While any data center remains subject to unplanned events, Tier III-certified facilities are widely recognized for their ability to provide robust, redundant and secure environments for electronic resources.

Who awards these certifications? All tier certifications are awarded by the Uptime Institute, an organization recognized world-wide for its creation and administration of a rigorous set of standards for designing, building and maintaining data centers that deliver efficient, sustainable services.

What does this mean for us? UAlbany's Tier III certification in both Design and Constructed Facility make the new data center a stand-out in the Capital Region. A host of University partners, HVCC and Empire State College are in various stages of taking up residence in the new facility; many other academic and business entities have expressed an interest in co-location. For more information about UAlbany's Data Center and related services, contact cio@albany.edu.