

Energy Services Coalition Michigan Chapter 2016 Highlights

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Dear Chapter Member,

As we ring in 2017, exciting things are happening with the Energy Services Coalition all around the nation.

The Michigan "2016 Highlights" is a snapshot of performance contracting news and headlines that our Michigan members have shared with us during the past year. To stay up-to-date, or to share a news item with us – please visit the [Michigan ESC Chapter Facebook](#) page.

Happy New Year,
Jim Arwood
ESC Executive Director

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Know Your Rights

A new law, which provides local governments with flexible financing plans to conserve energy, is expected to make energy performance contracts more commonplace and affordable. House Bills 4990-4994, now Public Acts 119-123 of 2016, was signed by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder on May 19. Under the law, effective August 17, local governments - which include cities, counties, townships and village councils and governing bodies - can enter into a financing arrangement known as a Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase (TELP). TELPs are not considered debt for local governments, making energy performance contracts more attractive.

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(RE) Join Us: We need your involvement. If you are a former Michigan Chapter member, then you know that the ESC provides a unique forum in which all stakeholders can work together to address and overcome any barriers which are limiting the effective use of ESPC. So, if you are still involved in energy savings performance contracting programs, products or services, then coming back to the Energy Services Coalition may be right for you. Please consider [renewing](#) your membership. I hope you will be able to (re) join us!

Private Sector GESPC

July 6, 2016 * Ford Motor Company is implementing a new \$5.7 million energy savings performance contract. The project will optimize the HVAC system at Ford's Livonia Transmission Plant in Livonia, Michigan. The Livonia Transmission Plant employs more than 1,550 people. In 2012, Ford established a five-year objective to improve operational energy use per vehicle globally by 25 percent by the end of 2016. Ford uses performance contracting as a financing tool to upgrade and replace infrastructure at its plants, commercial buildings and research facilities.

Lt. Gov. Highlights Need for GESPC

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley emphasized the importance of reducing energy waste when it comes to driving Michigan toward environmentally friendly energy solutions during the Keynote Address at the 5th Annual Michigan ESC Chapter Awards banquet.

The Michigan ESC Chapter honored five recipients with the Economic Leadership in Energy Efficiency award. The award, recognized the recipients for energy improvements they have made that resulted in \$688,000 in annual savings.

The award recipients include: the City of Grand Rapids, Riverview Community Schools, Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Manistee Public Schools and the West Branch Regional Medical Facility. Collectively, the organizations have invested nearly \$8 million in energy efficiency improvements through energy performance contracting.

SAVE THE DATE

The 6th Annual Energy Services Coalition Market Transformation Conference is being held August 23 and 24 at the [Green Valley Ranch and Spa](#) in Henderson, Nevada. This year's conference will showcase innovation, case studies, best practices and more in Energy Savings Performance Contracting and public building energy retrofits. Stay tuned for more details. See ya' in Henderson.

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