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Energy experts recognize public building projects at MI Municipal League Offices in Lansing on November 7

LANSING – Energy efficiency experts from a wide range of organizations gathered at the Energy Services Coalition – Michigan Chapter’s Third Annual Awards Event on November 7 at the Michigan Municipal League offices in Lansing. Winners of the 2013 Economic Leaders in Energy Efficiency Awards invested nearly \$24 million and are saving \$1.5 million in energy costs per year for the life of the improvements.

The 2013 Economic Leaders in Energy Efficiency Awards were given to several municipalities from across Michigan, including county, township and city government and two public school districts for their commitment to energy efficiency and performance contracting.

Honorees included:

- City of Warren Wastewater Plant, accepted by David Monette, Division Head
 - \$7,966,610 – project size
 - \$ 580,715 – annual savings guarantee
- Warren Woods Schools, accepted by Jamie Stottlemyer, Director, Facilities & Transportation
 - \$7,300,000 – project size
 - \$ 420,000 – annual savings guarantee
- Yale Public Schools, accepted by Kenneth Nicholl, Superintendent,
 - \$1,195,623 – project size
 - \$ 86,564 - annual savings guarantee
- Alpena County, accepted by Tom Mullaney, Commissioner
 - \$1,644,911 – project size
 - \$ 102,912 – annual savings guarantee
- Canton Township, accepted by Brad Sharp, Facilities Maintenance Manager
 - \$5,700,000 – project size
 - \$ 352,185 – annual savings guarantee

“Today’s award winners have demonstrated leadership and stewardship in their commitment to reducing wasted energy, shrinking their carbon footprints, and to improving the work and learning environments for their building occupants.” said Laurie Prena, President of the Energy

Services Coalition – Michigan Chapter. “We expect interest in energy savings performance contracting to continue growing in Michigan due, in part, to the positive outcomes of projects like these and the need to maintain tight budgets.”

Co-hosted by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and other Chapter members, the luncheon event included presentations by John Sarver, Executive Director, Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association on How Renewable Energy Can Contribute to High-Performing Buildings; by ESC Chapter members Diane Mills and Scott Kuhn on Measurement and Verification and Methods for Financing Performance Contracting Projects; and by Robert Jackson, Deputy Director, MEDC Energy Office, on State Assistance for Energy Projects.

“Energy savings performance contracting enables building owners to use future energy savings to pay the upfront costs of energy-saving projects, eliminating the need to tap into capital budgets,” Jackson said.

The event included a panel discussion with local government and school officials on best practices and their experience with energy savings performance contracting.

The Energy Services Coalition (ESC) is a national nonprofit organization composed of a network of experts from a wide range of organizations working together at the state and local level to increase energy efficiency and building upgrades through energy savings performance contracting.

The Michigan ESC Chapter is dedicated to providing an outreach program that provides information and education on performance contracting to the target audience within the state.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s Energy Office (MEDC) promotes energy efficiency and renewable energy resource development to the state's residents, businesses, and public institutions. The Michigan Energy Office is part of the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF), which receives administrative services from the MEDC.

Pure Michigan is a brand representing business, talent and tourism initiatives across Michigan. These efforts are driven by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which serves as the state’s marketing arm and lead advocate for business growth, jobs and opportunity with a focus on helping grow Michigan’s economy.

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