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Michigan Agency for Energy/Michigan Public Service Commission facility wins Leaders in Efficiency award for energy waste reduction efforts

LANSING, Mich. – In recognition of significant energy waste reduction investments and proven energy cost savings at facilities throughout the state, the Energy Service Coalition-Michigan Chapter announced today five recipients of the Leaders in Efficiency award.

The honorees at the Energy Service Coalition Fifth Annual Awards event included the City of Roseville; the Michigan Agency for Energy Michigan Public Service Commission; Monroe Metropolitan Wastewater Facility; the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores; and Wayne State University.

“Michigan’s government is leading by example by actively seeking cost-effective ways to cut energy waste. It is only fitting that the state’s energy experts demonstrate the effective use of multiple innovative tools for energy waste reduction,” said Valerie Brader, MAE’s executive director. “The Michigan Agency for Energy and the Michigan Public Service Commission are proud to be among this year’s award recipients.”

Collectively, the recipients have invested nearly \$18.7 million as a result of setting in place energy efficiency improvements through performance contracting. The investments are saving more than \$1.05 million annually.

The performance contract allows the customer to make energy and water cost-saving improvements to facilities and equipment, and pay for the improvements using future avoided energy costs.

Some of the common improvements include upgrades, repairs and/or replacement of HVAC equipment and building controls, building envelope, interior and exterior lighting, pumps and motors, and other deferred maintenance items. Improvements can also include renewable energy.

"The performance contract is a great solution for public organizations that don't have the financial resources to implement energy saving technologies," said Jim Arwood, ESC executive director. "It is an investment in our public buildings that not only pays for itself, but it provides a strong catalyst for job growth in local communities."

The annual awards event attracts energy efficiency experts from around the state and this year the event was held at the offices of Michigan Agency for Energy/Michigan Public Service Commission –an award recipient. The event included presentations by Brader, and Cheri Holman, executive director U.S. Green Buildings Council – West Michigan Chapter.

Below is a list of project size and savings for each of the honorees at Energy Service Coalition (Michigan Chapter) Fifth Annual Awards:

- City of Roseville: \$3.4 million and \$98,000 in annual savings
- State of Michigan Agency for Energy and the Michigan Public Service Commission: \$437,729 and \$25,000 in annual savings
- Monroe Metropolitan Wastewater Facility: \$10.3 million and \$355,060 in annual savings
- Village of Grosse Pointe Shores: \$3.2 million and \$200,810 in annual savings
- Wayne State University: \$1,4 million and \$368,581 in annual savings

The Energy Services Coalition is a public/private partnership promoting the benefits of, providing education on, and serving as an advocate for the widespread use of energy performance contracting in public and private facilities.

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