

Energy Services Coalition: Minnesota Chapter Year in Review

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Dear Chapter Member,

As we ring in 2016, exciting things are happening with the Energy Services Coalition all around the nation.

The Minnesota "2015 Newsmakers" is a snapshot of performance contracting news and headlines that our Minnesota 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 [Minnesota ESC Chapter Facebook](#) page.

Happy New Year,
Jim Arwood
ESC Executive Director

2015 Minnesota ESPC Newsmakers

Hutchinson's solar array powering up

Hutchinson's 400-kilowatt solar array is now operational. The electricity will supply 12 to 15 percent of the power needed to run the city's adjoining wastewater treatment plant. Almost two-thirds of the cost of the \$1.5 million array was covered by a \$958,000 Renewal Development Fund grant from Xcel Energy. The city's share was about

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\$510,000. A energy performance contract calls for a guaranteed payback of the city's investment in about 18 years, but officials believe that could be as short as about 14 years. The array will come with a 25-year warranty, but it could last 30 years or more. (Nov. 18, 2015 -- Crown River Media) [Click here](#) to read more.

GESPC pipeline targets savings goal of 20 percent by 2020

Within two years, the Guaranteed Energy Savings Program has built a pipeline of 26 energy efficiency projects impacting more than 550 buildings and 26 million square feet of building space, with projected annual savings of \$10.8 million. As the 26 projects underway and future GESP-supported projects succeed, GESP is helping the state of Minnesota achieve its savings goal of 20 percent by the year 2020.

CRET hires GESPC liaison to municipalities

In early 2015, the Clean Energy Resources Team (CERTs) hired Peter Lindstrom to help attract municipalities to the state's Guaranteed Energy Savings Program (GESP) offered by the Minnesota Department of Commerce. Lindstrom, a former assistant director of Science Technology and Public Policy at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs, is serving as the GESP outreach coordinator to counties, cities and schools.

SAVE THE DATE: The 5th Annual Energy Services Coalition Market Transformation Conference is being held August 23 and 24 at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. This year's conference will showcase innovation, case studies, best practices and more in Energy Savings Performance

We need your involvement.

If you are a former Minnesota 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!

Contracting and public building energy retrofits. More than 200 private industry professionals, government policy-makers, public sector end-users and program managers are expected to attend this event.

Stay tuned for more details. See ya' in Louisville.



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