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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 Minnesota "2016 Highlights" 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

ESC Chapter Workshop focuses on Dept of Corrections

The Minnesota ESC Chapter held a GESPC workshop July 29 for the Minnesota Department of Corrections staff. Workshop topics included energy efficiency opportunities, training, budgets, baseline determination, measurement and verification, guarantees, and best practice/lessons learned from other correctional facilities that have implemented a GESPC project.

The Department of Corrections is one of the largest state facility owners in Minnesota. The Minnesota ESC Corrections Workshop Committee partnered with the Minnesota Department of Commerce in order to create a strategic plan and develop customized workshops for each of Department of Correction's audiences. The committee
(RE) Join Us: 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!

Minnesota Recognized for GESPC Pledge

Dr. Kathleen Hogan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, U.S. Department of Energy, recognized the State of Minnesota during the 5th Annual ESC Market Transformation Conference for their efforts in promoting Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contracting. Dr. Hogan recognized Minnesota for its partnership in the DOE's ESPC Accelerator Program, and its pledge of $105 million toward reaching the Department's $2 billion goal for public-sector energy efficiency GESPC investments at the state and local level. The $2 billion goal covered the period from January 2013 to December 2016.

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.