# Energy Services Coalition Texas Chapter 2016 Highlights

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(RE) Join Us: We need your involvement. If you are a former Texas 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.

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

The 6th Annual Energy Services Coalition Market Transformation

#### Dear Chapter Member,

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

The Texas "2016 Highlights" is a snapshot of performance contracting news and headlines that our Texas 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 Texas ESC Chapter Facebook page.

Happy New Year, Jim Arwood ESC Executive Director

# What Success Looks Like: Texas-Style . . .

May 16, 2016 \* After years of deferred maintenance due to tight budgets and rising utility costs, the Gunter Independent School District entered into a GESPC to become more energy efficient while saving hundreds of thousands of dollars in long-term costs. The total cost of the project is \$2.1 million but the guaranteed savings for the district is \$2.3 million. The project is expected to reduce the district's utility budget by 37 percent, saving more than \$112,564 in annual energy costs with no new taxes or increased fees to residents. The project will also provide energy efficiency savings equivalent to removing 152 cars from the road, planting 610 acres of new trees or removing 743 tons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

Conference is being held August 23 and 24 at the <u>Green Valley Ranch</u> and <u>Spa</u> 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.

### **Texas LoanSTAR Program**

Recently, Hildago School District became the latest school district in Texas to finance its GESPC through a loan from the Texas LoanSTAR (Saving Taxes and Resources). The revolving loan program finances energy-related costreduction retrofits for state, public school district, public college, public university, and tax-district supported public hospital facilities. Applicants repay the loans through the stream of energy cost savings realized from the projects. As of the end of 2014, LoanSTAR had funded over 237 loans totaling over \$395 million achieving a total cumulative program energy savings of over \$419 million.

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