What Success Looks Like: Economic Leadership in EE
Michigan ESC Chapter Holds Annual Awards Luncheon

Alpena County, Michigan was recognized at the annual Michigan ESC Chapter Awards Luncheon in Lansing on Nov. 7th. Alpena County was honored with the Economic Leadership in Energy Efficiency Award for its performance contract that provided for critical energy efficiency and infrastructure upgrades at Northern Lights Arena, jail, courthouse and additional facilities saving the County more than $102,000 annually.

The Michigan ESC Awards Luncheon was co-sponsored by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and held at the Michigan Municipal League.
"We are honored to have been selected for this prestigious award," said Commissioner Lyle VanWormer, Chair of Finance Committee, Alpena County. "Although faced with a strained annual budget, the ESPC model allows us to bond our project, implement the necessary infrastructure upgrades, repay the investment with the guaranteed savings provided through the ESPC, and avoid future capital costs."

The wide-ranging ESPC involves the implementation of several energy conservation measures in multiple facilities including the Northern Lights Arena, jail, courthouse, pool, County fairgrounds, airport, annex and Michigan Department of Correction offices. The upgrades across County buildings include new lighting, building envelope and weatherization improvements, water conservation measures, HVAC building automation expansions and mechanical improvements. The project also includes streamlining control of County equipment into one open, non-proprietary system with web-access and remote alerts.

Once complete, these measures will improve performance, control and comfort at County facilities as well as reduce maintenance and operating costs. In addition to expected savings on energy and operating costs, greenhouse gas emissions are expected to be reduced by 601 metric tons, which is the equivalent of taking 125 cars off the road or avoiding consumption of nearly 1,400 barrels of oil.

Best regards,

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