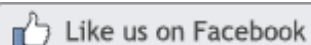




Delaware -- A Decade in Review:

Highlights of GESPC Successes from program to projects



2019

October 24, 2019 -- The Delaware ESC Chapter formed in October 2012, and two years later held what has become its signature event: The Delaware Energy Conference.

The Delaware ESC Chapter has become known for its outreach and education efforts and events and this year had a full-house (118 attendees) and sold out sponsorship opportunities (17 sponsors) for its "6th Annual Delaware Energy Conference" held on October 24 in Wilmington. To date, more than \$125 million in energy savings projects have been implemented in Delaware as a result of a GESPC.

February 11, 2019: The Indian River School District partnered with Seiberlich Trane Energy Services to make more than \$7 million in improvements across the school district. The energy savings project is being funded through a performance contract with Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility. Upgrades throughout the district will generate energy savings of about \$500,000 per year, which will pay for the project costs using the payment bond from Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility. Improvements include improved classroom and parking lot lighting, upgrades to heating and cooling systems, thermal envelope improvements, low-flow water fixtures and improved building controls.

2018

October 31, 2018 --- Maria Vargas, Senior Program Advisor at the U.S. Department of Energy was the luncheon keynote speaker at the 5th Annual Delaware Energy Conference. Vargas, Director of DOE's Better Buildings Initiative, spoke of the program's goal to work with leaders in the public and private sectors to make American buildings at least 20 percent more efficient in the next decade and what leaders are doing, and where the market is going.

September 4, 2018 --- Governor John Carney signed [SB 113](#) to enact a commercial PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) program in The First State. The bill enables clean energy projects financed through tax assessments at no cost to taxpayers.



Energy Services Coalition Board Members Anne Kirby, Cory Budischak and Tony DePrima were among those attending Governor Carney's bill signing ceremony.

2017

August 30, 2017 -- The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, the country's only interstate cap-and-trade market, announced new, stricter targets for reducing climate-altering emissions from power plants. The states in the nonprofit program -- Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont -- agreed to cap emissions at about 75 million tons in 2021, a number which would decline by 2.25 million tons every year until 2030, resulting in a total decline of 30 percent.

August 14, 2017 -- Delaware was presented the ESC's 2017 Energy Stewardship Champion award given to states in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in leveraging Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contracting (GESPC) to achieve energy savings, infrastructure modernization, environmental stewardship, and economic development.

Delaware was among 12 state Champions recognized for this award during the closing ceremonies at the ESC's Market Transformation Conference in Henderson, Nevada.



Tom Walther (l), ESC President, presents the 2017 ESC Energy Stewardship Champion award to the State of Delaware. Tony DePrima, Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility, accepts the award on behalf of State of Delaware and the Delaware ESC Chapter.

2016

October 24, 2016 -- Delaware officials unveiled plans designed to reduce energy costs at National Guard facilities around the state. The 20-year plan, called a Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement, is expected to cut fossil fuel consumption at the facilities by 38 percent and save the Delaware National Guard \$6 million in energy costs over 20 years. It was implemented through a GESPC with Siemens and funded through a loan from the Energize Delaware's Revolving Loan Fund program. The aim is to bring energy efficiency upgrades to 11 National Guard facilities, which will ultimately reduce net energy requirements.

August 22, 2016 -- The ESC announced its first-ever Energy Stewardship Champion awards in recognition of states' outstanding accomplishments in leveraging Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contracting (GESPC) to achieve energy savings, infrastructure modernization, environmental stewardship, and economic development.

Delaware was among ten state Champions recognized for this award during the closing ceremonies at the 5th Annual ESC Market Transformation Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

2015

October 21, 2015 -- Thomas Cook, Cabinet Secretary for the Delaware Department of Finance, announced the state will finance energy efficiency improvement projects in 2016 through a Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility (DESEU) Energy Efficiency Bond Issue. The announcement was made as part of the Delaware ESC Chapter's Energy Conference. The

state has set a goal of funding \$75 million in energy saving performance contracts for state agencies and school districts.

More than 100 people attended the 2nd Annual Delaware Energy Conference. Tom Walther, ESC Board President provided the welcome. The conference agenda included three engaging panels: Micro-grids: The Elements & Applications for Delaware's Energy Future; Making Energy Contracting Work for Small and Medium Buildings; and Preparing for the 2016 Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility Energy Efficiency Bond Issue. The Luncheon Keynote Speaker was Ali Zaidi, Associate Director for Natural Resources, Energy and Science, Office of Management and Budget, The White House, who presented on financing America's Clean Energy Transformation and unlocking low-cost capital.

June 9, 2015 -- Glasgow High School and Gauger-Cobbs Middle School are going green. The Christina School Board approved participation in a GESPC with funding through the Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility and in coordination with the state to achieve the governor's energy efficiency goals. The GESPC will result in \$5 million in comprehensive energy upgrades.

2013

July 15, 2013 -- The Delaware ESC Chapter announced the results of the Chapter elections as follows:

Public Sector Co-Chair - Doug Edwards

Private Sector Co-Chair - Anthony DePrima

Treasure - Sarah Buttner

Communications/Publications/Website Chair - Lynda Brooks

Membership Committee -- Steven Siddal

Outreach/Education/Events Chair -- Bruce Stultz

2012

October 4, 2012 -- Delaware became the 28th ESC State Chapter when it hosted its first Chapter meeting Oct. 4 with more than 30 people attending.

August 28, 2012 -- Tony DePrima, Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility, presented on the scale, trends and opportunities for GESPC in Delaware during the 1st ESC Market Transformation Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. DePrima observed a key provision of Delaware's enabling legislation being that agencies budgets "shall not be reduced as a result of energy savings obtained."