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 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.

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 cost-reduction 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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