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Dear Chapter Member,

As we ring in 2018, exciting things are happening with the Energy Services Coalition all around the nation. In 2018 the ESC will hold its Seventh Annual Market Transformation Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Stay tuned for more updates.

For our New Mexico members we present this "Year In Review" as a sampling of performance contracting stories making headlines in New Mexico during 2017. To stay up-to-date, or to share a news item with us – please visit the New Mexico ESC Chapter Facebook page.

The New Mexico ESC Chapter has a year-end balance of $2,877 in the Chapter's account. These funds can be used on behalf of the Chapter to provide education and develop and disseminate information to increase the delivery of energy efficiency through a guaranteed energy savings performance contract.

For ideas on Chapter activities we encourage NM ESC Chapter members to check out the ESC Chapter Playbook on our website. The Playbook is a living document that represents examples of successes and challenges in promoting GESPC from state ESC Chapters around the country. The Playbook outlines activities and approaches other state ESC Chapters have engaged in support of a statewide GESPC public program to increase performance contracting activity.

Happy New Year,

Jim Arwood
ESC Executive Director
We need your involvement.
If you are a former New Mexico ESC Chapter member, then you know that the ESC provides a unique forum in which all stakeholders can work together to address and overcome barriers limiting the effective use of GESPC. 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 Erica Valarde accepts the ESC Energy Stewardship Champion award on behalf of the New Mexico ESC Chapter from ESC President Tom Walther.

New Mexico Takes Home Champion Award

The ESC announced its 2017 Energy Stewardship Champion awards given in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in leveraging Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contracting (GESPC) to achieve energy savings, infrastructure modernization, environmental stewardship, and economic development.

New Mexico was among 12 state Champions recognized for this annual award during the closing ceremonies at the ESC’s Market Transformation Conference in Henderson, Nevada on Friday, August 11th.

New Mexico passed enabling legislation in 1995 that allowed for public institutions to use energy performance contracting to pay for energy retrofits. But it wasn’t until a $15 million GESPC at New Mexico State University in 2013 that this alternative financing mechanism began to gain traction in the state. Today, New Mexico has completed more than $85 million in projects that use guaranteed savings to pay for the improvements over time.

The New Mexico State University GESPC is expected to save more than $1.3 million annually. The project, which was completed in December 2015, includes two solar parking canopies that total 180 kilowatts of power at full capacity.

December 29, 2017 * Bernalillo County's Metropolitan Detention Center is getting $13.9
you will be able to (re) join us and get involved!

Commissioners voted unanimously in December to enter a guaranteed energy performance contract with Yearout Energy Service Co.. In addition to lighting, controls and hvac improvements, the project will also include the installation of a 1.5 megawatt solar pv system. The upgrades will reduce MDC's energy consumption by 32 percent and save the county 47 percent in utility costs for the 500,000-square-foot jail. The county is expecting to save $472,000 on MDC's electric bill and $23,000 on the jail's natural gas bill during the first year alone.

March 30, 2017 * Santa Fe County issued a proposal for an RFP for Energy Performance Services to provide comprehensive energy and water management and related capital improvement services through a GESPC that will improve the energy and water efficiency of county facilities.

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