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Three Utah Companies Honored for Leadership in Energy Efficiency

Lt. Governor Spencer Cox recognized companies at the annual Utah Energy Development Summit for their commitment to strategic energy management

SALT LAKE CITY (May 24, 2016) – Industrial energy efficiency continues to play a crucial role in meeting Utah’s growing energy demand. In an effort to recognize leadership in energy savings and cost reduction, the Governor’s Office of Energy Development in partnership with Utah Clean Energy honored three innovative companies with an Excellence in Energy Efficiency Award on May 24, 2016.

Utah’s Lieutenant Governor, Spencer Cox, presented the awards at the fifth annual Governor’s Energy Development Summit to Holcim (US) Inc., Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, and Futura Industries for their on-going commitment to strategic energy management.

“We are proud to recognize three Utah businesses who are leading the way in energy efficiency and energy savings,” said Dr. Laura Nelson, executive director of the Governor’s Office of Energy Development. “By adopting new and innovative technologies, these companies will continue to reduce their operational costs, and also improve Utah’s air quality for years to come.”
Utah’s industrial sector consumes roughly 30 percent of all the energy used in the state. By implementing energy efficiency projects, these three award-winning businesses were able to save over 76,000 MMBtu in energy, which is equivalent to powering nearly 850 homes annually. In total, they also improved their bottom lines last year by an estimated $300,000 through energy cost savings.

"Energy efficiency is the cheapest energy resource," said Mitalee Gupta, manager of the Utah Industrial Energy Efficiency Challenge for Utah Clean Energy. “With Utah’s industrial sector representing over 32 percent of the state’s total electricity consumption, there is a huge potential among the companies in the state to save energy and money with amazing return on their investment.”

The awards are part of the Utah Industrial Energy Efficiency Challenge, a voluntary program that encourages new and ongoing investment in energy efficiency by Utah manufacturing and industrial companies. The two-part Challenge includes peer-to-peer networking workshops and technical trainings, followed by public recognition of leading industrial firms. The Challenge is also supported by the United States Department of Energy’s Advanced Manufacturing Office.

2016 EXCELLENCE IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AWARD WINNERS

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Winner: Holcim (US) Inc.
Holcim (US) Inc., a building materials industry, considers energy as a critical component under their sustainability efforts. The company’s commitment to energy efficiency is clear through the number, scale, and actual energy savings that they have been able to achieve from several efficiency projects that they have pursued in the last few years.

“We are very pleased to have participated in the Utah Industrial Energy Challenge,” said Dave Fletcher, Plant Manager of Devils Slide facility for Holcim (US) Inc. “We recognize that energy conservation is a key to overall sustainability. Thank you for the recognition from Utah Clean Energy.”

Winner: Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, a water provider in the state, has not only significantly reduced their energy intensity through several energy efficiency projects but also raised the bar through their impressive strategic energy management practices.

“The electrical cost associated with operating water pump station facilities is a large component of our overall operating costs, so being efficient with our use of electricity has always been important to us,” said Richard Bay, General Manager, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District.

“Participating in Rocky Mountain Power’s Wattsmart efficiency incentive programs opened our eyes to new ways to save money by using electricity more efficiently. Jordan Valley Water values conservation – whether it’s water or energy,”
Winner: Futura Industries
Futura Industries an extruded aluminum manufacturer has established a goal towards increasing its production while optimizing their energy consumption through both energy efficiency and incorporating renewables as a part of their energy mix.

“As a major supplier to the solar industry, we are aware of the importance of minimizing energy consumption,” said Susan D. Johnson, President of Futura Industries. “Our new state-of-the-art extrusion investment was made with the need to reduce energy consumption as we increase output. We are grateful for this recognition from the state of Utah.”

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Governor Gary R. Herbert recognizes energy as one of the four cornerstones of Utah’s strength, along with education, job creation, and self-determination. In recognition of this priority, the Governor’s Office of Energy Development (OED) was created in 2011 to advance Utah’s diverse energy and minerals sectors through planning, policy and direct engagement with the private sector; and thereby to foster economic growth through energy development and conservation activities and through the provision of affordable, reliable energy.

About Utah Clean Energy
Web: utahcleanenergy.org
Utah Clean Energy is a non-profit public interest organization partnering to build the new clean energy economy through policy, regulatory, and educational initiatives. Utah Clean Energy advances renewable energy, energy efficiency, and clean energy technologies in Utah and the West.