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ASCEM Honors Best and Brightest of 2012

The Association of South Carolina Energy Managers (ASCEM) held their annual conference at SCE&G's Pine Island Club on May 2, 2013. Following a morning of lectures, ASCEM distributed awards for Energy Manager of the Year, Energy Project of the Year and representatives from the SC Energy Office (SCEO) and the Tremaine Foundation recognized state agencies and school districts who met their 20 percent by 2020 energy reduction mandate.

Energy Manager of the Year was awarded to Charles Stevenson, Assistant Director for Energy Management in the University of South Carolina Facilities Department. Stevenson, a long-time USC employee, has worked to significantly reduce energy usage on USC's Columbia campus by establishing an energy policy for the University and energy guidelines for projects undertaken on campus. Stevenson's efforts have resulted in more than \$5 million a year in energy savings for the University. Mr. Stevenson manages a \$28 million utility budget while simultaneously managing a \$50 million performance contract. In addition, he managed energy efficiency stimulus funding for the Columbia campus.

Energy Project of the Year was awarded to the Georgetown County School District. District Energy Manager Tony Holcombe oversaw the implementation of a new EcoScreen system, a real-time monitoring and customizable educational energy dashboard supplied by their HVAC/lighting controls vendor. Through this system, Holcombe is able to show real-time energy usage data for each school and hopes to create friendly competition among schools to enhance existing energy saving efforts. Educational displays and animations in the program show numerous techniques for energy efficiency and reduction. The District expects to see a five to eight percent reduction in energy usage attributable to the awareness tool.

Finally, 14 South Carolina agencies and school districts have reached a significant milestone; they have reduced their annual energy consumption by 20 percent. The South Carolina Energy Efficiency Act (Section 48-52-620, Code of Laws of South Carolina) requires all state agencies, school districts and public colleges and universities to develop energy conservation plans to reduce their energy consumption by one percent annually during fiscal years 2009-2013 and by a total of 20 percent by 2020, as compared to 2000 levels. The Act also requires SCEO to verify progress made by public entities toward reducing their energy intensity (defined as total site energy consumption per gross square foot).

With generous support from the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation, the SC Energy Office is focusing attention on the mandated goals by recognizing those public entities which have already met the significant milestone of at least a 20 percent reduction in energy intensity over the year 2000 baseline. Recognized this year were:

Clover School District (York SD2)
 Darlington School District
 Georgetown School District
 Greenwood School District 50
 Lancaster School District
 Laurens School District 55
 Newberry County School District
 Northeastern Technical College
 Patriots Point Development Authority
 Rock Hill School District 3
 SC Department of Corrections
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