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

The Tennessee ESC Chapter has a year-end balance of $7,656 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 TN 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 Tennessee 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 you will be able to (re) join us and get involved!

Rhonda Courtney ESC Champion

Rhonda Courtney, a Tennessee ESC Member, was presented the 2017 ESC Champion Award at the annual conference in Henderson, Nevada. The ESC Board of Directors presents an annual Champion Award to a Public and Private ESC Member to recognize exemplary leadership in energy conservation and performance contracting programming. The award was created to recognize chapter members that demonstrate a passion and commitment to "getting things done" through Performance Contracting within an ESC Chapter. Although this commitment can be demonstrated through a wide variety of actions and approaches, it recognizes those members that go above and beyond to help ESC to accomplish the mission of expanding the use of GESPC.

October 3, 2017: Bledsoe County Schools in Pikeville, Tenn. has reached a $500,000 energy savings milestone as a result of a GESPC entered into in 2009. Bledsoe County Schools partnered with Schneider Electric to conduct a comprehensive energy audit and install $1 million in infrastructure and efficiency improvements across its five schools and Board of Education building.

In addition to annual energy savings, the project has also made a substantial environmental impact on the community, removing 4,329 metric tons of CO2 from the atmosphere, which is equivalent to taking 914 passenger vehicles off the road for one year, powering 451 homes...
for one year or planting 112,195 trees.

**August 15, 2017**: The Tennessee ESC Chapter held an organizational meeting on August 15th to re-launch its ESC Chapter. The Chapter elected Alexa Voytek and Chad Kimes has its Public Sector Co-Chairs, and Matt Callahan as its Private Co-Chair.