



Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships

University of D.C. Named Northeast Business Leader for Energy Efficiency

Washington D.C.'s only Public University Recognized for Commitment to Accelerating Energy Efficiency

[CITY, STATE DATE]- [Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships](#) (NEEP) has announced that the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) will be recognized as a 'Northeast Business Leader for Energy Efficiency' at the [Northeast Energy Efficiency Summit](#) in Stamford, CT on June 14, 2012. Nominated by DC Sustainable Energy Utility (DC SEU), Washington DC's only public university is being honored for outstanding achievements in energy efficiency which have resulted in an annual energy savings of over 50,000 kWh, and a financial savings of over \$6,000 in operating costs every year.

The [Northeast Business Leaders for Energy Efficiency](#) recognition program highlights the accomplishments of organizations that are participating in energy efficiency programs across the region. University of the District of Columbia (UDC), nominated by the District of Columbia Sustainable Energy Utility (DC SEU), was selected for recognition based on their successes in:

- Achieving energy savings through investment in cost efficient measures;
- Addressing comprehensive changes in major energy systems such as lighting, HVAC, building envelope, office equipment and industrial processes, with a focus on improvements in multiple fuel categories;
- Continuing improvements in energy performance through management level support and operational practices; and
- Demonstrating leadership to advance energy efficiency and to promote its benefits within their communities.

"DC SEU is very happy that UDC is receiving this recognition," said Ted Trabue, Managing Director of the DC SEU. "We have been able to develop a productive collaboration with UDC which has given us opportunities to launch several pilot projects designed to expand the limits of energy efficiency practices on the main campus. It is expected that the energy savings achieved through this close partnership will be instrumental in making UDC the sustainability leader in higher education, particularly for urban universities nationwide."

"Working with the DC SEU encouraged the University to look more thoroughly at identifying opportunities for energy efficiency investments," said Howard Ways, Director of Planning and Sustainability for UDC. "Going beyond simple low hanging fruit investments is critical in the long-term viability of the University and the DC SEU has helped to move the University in that direction. The process of greening our physical campus and operations has provided opportunities for students to live and learn in a sustainable manner and expand our partnerships with local and regional organizations to leverage shared interests, and fully capitalize on our location in the nation's capital."

"NEEP is proud to recognize UDC for their success and commitment to energy efficiency," said Sue Coakley, Executive Director of NEEP. "The university provides an excellent example of how energy efficient measures can improve an organization's bottom line, contribute to economic and job growth and reduce environmental impact. Policies programs such as those delivered by DC SEU that support energy efficiency provide a foundation for

organizations across the Northeast to realize significant energy and cost savings while contributing to the communities in which they operate.”

Further details about the Northeast Business Leaders for Energy Efficiency Program can be found here: <http://neep.org/neep-summit/Business-Recognition>

UDC will be recognized, along with 13 other Northeast Energy Efficiency Business Leaders at the 2012 Northeast Energy Efficiency Summit in Stamford, Connecticut on June 14. The event is open to the public and members of the media are invited to attend at no charge. For more information about the Summit and Business Leaders Recognition program, please visit <http://neep.org/neep-summit>.

ABOUT NEEP

NEEP is a non-profit organization that transforms the way we use and think about energy. Through advocacy, collaboration and education we focus on three areas where we believe energy efficiency can have the greatest impact: buildings, high efficiency products & best practices. Our unique approach helps bring together all stakeholders to accelerate energy efficiency and highlight its impacts on the region, the economy, and the planet. For more information, visit www.neep.org.

About the Northeast Energy Efficiency Summit

NEEP's Northeast Energy Efficiency Summit, June 13-14 in Stamford, CT, is the premier regional forum to learn about and become involved in energy efficiency in the Northeast. This two-day event brings together leaders from across the region in public policy, business, energy efficiency solutions, and consumer and environmental advocacy to support the vision of energy efficiency as a solution to the challenge of reliable and clean energy. Esteemed speakers plus exhibits from up to 40 exhibitors will also showcase the benefits, successes and challenges of public policies and programs that advance energy efficiency as the leading clean energy resource for the Northeast. Register and find out about Sponsorship and Exhibitor opportunities today at www.neep.org/neep-summit

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