

Energy Services Coalition: Texas Chapter Year in Review

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Dear Chapter Member,

As we ring in 2016, exciting things are happening with the Energy Services Coalition all around the nation. The Texas "2015 Newsmakers" is a snapshot of the performance contracting news and headlines that our Texas members have shared with us during the past year. To stay up-to-date, or to share a news item with us -- please visit the [Texas ESC Chapter Facebook](#) page.

Happy New Year,
Jim Arwood
ESC Executive Director

2015 Texas ESPC Newsmakers

Fort Worth ESPC Project Receives Excellence in Innovation Award

The Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF) recognized the City of Fort Worth's Village Creek Water Reclamation Facility (VCWRF) with its 2015 Award for Excellence in Innovation for the implementation of a series of sustainable facility upgrades. VCWRF executed a \$35-million 12.5 year Energy Savings Performance Contract with goal of energy neutrality through improving electrical facilities,

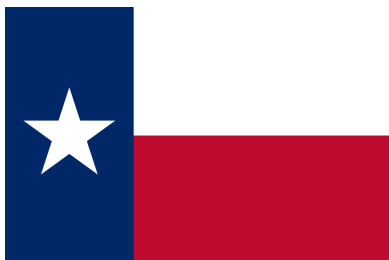
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We need your involvement.

If you are a former Texas Chapter member, then you know that the ESC provides a unique forum in which all stakeholders can work together to address and overcome any barriers which are limiting the effective use of ESPC. 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!



converting some processes to alternative energy sources, and improving methane gas production.

To date, this project has reduced electrical consumption by an additional 39 percent, allowing VCWRF to meet up to 75 percent of its energy demand. The reduced electrical consumption has also lowered the facility's carbon footprint by nearly 58,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions. The contract is guaranteed to reduce electrical cost by approximately \$2.5 million annually.

Performance Contracting Law Changes

On September 1 new bills passed by the Texas Legislature went into effect including: HB 1184: Relating to authorizing certain utility cost savings and alternative fuel programs as eligible for local government energy savings performance contracts.

This bill amends the Local Government Code to expand coverage of the energy savings performance contract provision, which allows local governments to finance contracts to install more efficient systems through a guarantee of future savings, to include alternative fuel programs for fleet vehicles and programs resulting in utility cost savings.

Noteworthy Projects Implemented

Among projects implemented during the past year were ESPCs in the Ferris Independent School District 905 and Brown County.

Brown County Commissioners approved a \$5.799 million dollar ESPC to improve county buildings including the Brown County Courthouse, Juvenile Justice Center and Agricultural Extension Office. The first phase of the project was approved in a 3-1 vote.

SAVE THE DATE: The 5th Annual Energy Services Coalition Market Transformation

Conference is being held August 23 and 24 at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. This year's conference will showcase innovation, case studies, best practices and more in Energy Savings Performance Contracting and public building energy retrofits. More than 200 private industry professionals, government policy-makers, public sector end-users and program managers are expected to attend this event.

Stay tuned for more details. See ya' in Louisville.

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