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Utah Building Partnership Wins Energy Star Award

Utah Building Energy Efficiency Strategies (UBEES) strives for Energy Savings

SALT LAKE CITY, UT – Utah experts in building energy efficiency, UBEES, gathered in Washington D.C. to accept the **Energy Star Partner Award** from the EPA. UBEES, a public/private partnership is working with business, schools, churches, utilities, and residents to reduce energy use in buildings in Utah.

The UBEES partnership is being recognized for its promotion efforts over the past year. Promotion activities being lauded include monthly Morningside Building Energy Code trainings, a business roundtable, an Energy Star Summit held last fall, initiating the Energy Star section of the Home and Garden Show, sponsoring energy manager internships, recognition awards, and free assistance with benchmarking buildings offered to business and organizations.

The Governor's Energy Advisor, Amanda Smith, whose office heads up the UBEES partnership, noted that "The UBEES goals are in solid alignment with the Energy Efficiency goals set forth in the Governor's *Utah's 10-Year Strategic Energy Plan* released last month. This private-public collaboration is a good way to implement energy and monetary savings in the state." UBEES partnership also includes the Utah State Energy Program, the non-profit, Utah Clean Energy, and the state's facility management group, DFCM. The collaboration is designed to advance energy efficiency and high performance buildings in Utah.

UBEES goal is to use state government 'lead-by-example' to create enormous energy savings across Utah's entire economy. The partnership's activities encourage best practices in energy efficiency and high performance building. ENERGY STAR was introduced by EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants associated with energy use. Today, the ENERGY STAR label can be found on more than 60 kinds of products as well as new homes and buildings. For more information, go to www.energystar.gov.

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