

# Energy Services Coalition Ohio Chapter 2016 Highlights

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## **Dear Chapter Member,**

As we ring in 2017, exciting things are happening with the Energy Services Coalition all around the nation.

The Ohio "2016 Highlights" is a snapshot of performance contracting news and headlines that our Ohio 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 [Ohio ESC Chapter Facebook](#) page.

Happy New Year,  
Jim Arwood  
ESC Executive Director

## **Ohio ESC Chapter: 2016 Highlights**

### **Ohio Awarded 2016 ESC Energy Stewardship Award**

August 11, 2016: ESC President Tom Walther, presented the first ESC Energy Stewardship Awards to 10 states at the 5th Annual Market Transformation Conference. Awards. Ohio was recognized for a combination of state's leadership, programmatic design, and the amount of private sector investment in guaranteed energy savings performance contracting in the state.

Since 1986, the public entities in the State of Ohio have partnered to with private sector ESCOs to promote GESPC solutions for failing and inefficient equipment in aging public buildings to

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**(RE) Join Us:** We need your involvement. If you are a former Ohio 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 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!

reduce utility costs and energy and water consumption. To date, more than \$1.25 billion in energy savings projects have been implemented in Ohio as a result of a GESPC.

### **Breaking News: Governor vetoes voluntary clean energy goal**

December 28, 2016: Governor John Kasich, vetoed a bill to make Ohio's clean energy standards voluntary for the next two years. Earlier this month the Ohio Senate passed H.B. 554 by a vote of 18-13, and the House approved the bill 55-34. The bill would freeze the state's green energy requirements. The veto came on the final day the Governor could act..

Ohio implemented its clean energy standards in 2008 and required Ohio utilities to gradually increase the share of electricity generated by renewables to 12.5 percent by 2025 and to reduce electric consumption by a cumulative 22 percent by 2025 over 2009 levels through energy efficiency programs. The standard was frozen for two-years in 2014 after passage of S.B. 310.

### **WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE: OHIO-STYLE . . .**

Athens County and Bradley Commissioners were just two of the Ohio public bodies approving GESPC agreements to make buildings in their jurisdictions more energy efficient. Athens County is implementing a 20-year \$1.6 million contract that would touch more than 20 county buildings and structures. Bradley County Commissioners gave unanimous approval to an IGA for a GESPC to modernize and update energy systems throughout the county government and the county schools.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

The 6th Annual Energy Services Coalition Market Transformation Conference is being held August 23 and 24 at the [Green Valley Ranch and Spa](#) in Henderson, Nevada. This year's conference will showcase innovation, case studies, best practices and more in Energy Savings Performance Contracting and public building energy retrofits. Stay

tuned for more details. See ya' in  
Henderson.

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