

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

Happy New Year,  
Jim Arwood  
ESC Executive Director

## **Alabama ESC Chapter Workshop Well-Attended in Prattville**

The Alabama ESC Chapter hosted an Energy Efficiency and Performance Contracting Workshop on March 2, 2016 at the Central Alabama Electric Coop Auditorium in Prattville, AL. The event marked the first workshop by the newly re-launched Alabama ESC Chapter.

More than 70 people, representing public agencies and schools and manufacturing and energy service companies, attended to learn how they can save money by reducing energy costs in their facilities. The workshop focused on using new

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technology to improve energy efficiency in schools and public buildings. Many of the companies in attendance offer performance contracting services.

"We partnered with the ESC to host a workshop to reach out to public sector representatives and give them the opportunity to better understand how they can save energy through energy efficient technologies and how performance contracting can help procure these improvements," said Mary Blackmon, ADECA's energy manager. "The 2016 Energy Efficiency and Performance Contracting Workshop was a jump-start for many educational opportunities to come."

## **DOE Recognizes Alabama's Commitment to GESPC**

Dr. Kathleen Hogan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, U.S. Department of Energy, recognized Alabama at the 5th Annual ESC Market Transformation Conference for their efforts in promoting Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contracting.

Dr. Hogan recognized Alabama's partnership in the DOE's ESPC Accelerator Program, and the state's \$5 million pledge toward reaching the Department's \$2 billion goal for public-sector energy efficiency GESPC investments at the state and local level. The \$2 billion goal covers the period from January 2013 to December 2016.

## **What Success Looks Like: Alabama-Style**

Birmingham is investing \$61.3 million in a GESPC for energy upgrades in 125 city buildings, which will save the city \$100 million in energy and operational costs over the next two decades and create local jobs. The

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

city will see \$3.2 million in savings the first year. City buildings to be updated include nearly every city building, 18 libraries, four police precincts, 25 fire stations and 20 community centers.

### 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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