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Dear Chapter Member,

As we ring in 2018, exciting things are happening with the Energy Services Coalition all around the nation. In 2018 the ESC will hold its Seventh Annual Market Transformation Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Stay tuned for more updates.

For North Carolina we present this "Year In Review" as a sampling of performance contracting stories making headlines in 2017. To stay up-to-date, or to share a news item with us – please visit the North Carolina ESC Chapter Facebook page.

The North Carolina ESC Chapter has a year-end balance of $7,421 in the Chapter’s account. These funds can be used on behalf of the Chapter to provide education and develop and disseminate information to increase the delivery of energy efficiency through a guaranteed energy savings performance contract.

For ideas on Chapter activities we encourage NC ESC Chapter members to check out the ESC Chapter Playbook on our website. The Playbook is a living document that represents examples of successes and challenges in promoting GESPC from state ESC Chapters around the country. The Playbook outlines activities and approaches other state ESC Chapters have engaged in support of a statewide GESPC public program to increase performance contracting activity.

Happy New Year,
Jim Arwood
The ESC announced its 2017 Energy Stewardship Champion awards in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in leveraging Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contracting (GESPC) to achieve energy savings, infrastructure modernization, environmental stewardship, and economic development.

North Carolina was among 12 state Champions recognized for this annual award during the closing ceremonies at the ESC’s Market Transformation Conference in Henderson, Nevada on Friday, August 11th.

To date, over 75 public jurisdictions throughout North Carolina have executed guaranteed energy savings performance contracts, leveraging more than $500 million in private sector investments into an estimated $50 million in guaranteed annual energy cost savings.

July 12, 2017 * The North Carolina Department of Transportation is replacing existing highway lighting statewide with energy-efficient LEDs as part of a massive GESPC project with a $32.3
We need your involvement.
If you are a former North Carolina ESC Chapter member, then you know that the ESC provides a unique forum in which all stakeholders can work together to address and overcome barriers 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 and get involved!

January 31, 2017 * Improvements intended to reduce energy costs at Robeson Community College and free up dollars to be used for other purposes are about to get underway. The college has entered into a guaranteed energy performance contract to make upgrades in all the buildings on the college's main campus in Lumberton and at COMtech in Pembroke. The college borrowed $2.9 million from Bank of America to pay for the work, locking in a 2.17 percent interest rate on the 15-year loan. Before the college could enter into the performance contract, the Robeson County Board of Commissioners had to pass a resolution stating that the board would not reduce over the life of the contract the money that the county allocates to RCC to help pay its energy costs.

January 25, 2017 * The Brunswick County Board of Education's Operations Committee has agreed to a 20-year guaranteed energy savings performance contract and a third-party engineering services contract to oversee the process. The total cost of the project ranges from $15-million to $17-million, with estimated savings of $24-million.