

NATIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM HONORS 20 OHIO COMPANIES

The U. S. Department of Energy's Save Energy Now program, which features energy assessments to identify ways manufacturers can operate their facilities energy-efficiently, has helped manufacturers across the country save the energy equivalent of more than 900,000 homes, along with avoiding more than five million tons of carbon dioxide emissions since its inception in 2006.

On April 16, 2008, Ohio's 20 Save Energy Now manufacturers, the most of any state, will be honored at an awards luncheon hosted by Energy Industries of Ohio (EIO), the Ohio Energy Office, and FirstEnergy at the Double Tree Hotel in Independence beginning at noon.

Companies will be honored in two categories:

- Energy Champion Plant – facilities with more than 250,000 million Btu of total energy savings or more than 15 percent of the total energy used at the plant
 - West and Barker, Inc. – Niles
 - Hyson Products – Brecksville
 - Empire Die Casting – Macedonia
 - Jergens Inc. – Cleveland
 - Iten Industries – Brecksville

- Energy Saver Plant – facilities with more than 75,000 million Btu of total energy savings or more than 7.5 percent of the total energy used at the plant
 - Husky Energy, Lima Refinery – Lima
 - Core Systems, LLC – Painesville
 - MCA Industries – Massillon
 - Cleveland Laminating Corp. – Cleveland
 - White Electronic Designs Corp. – Columbus
 - Cascade Corporation – Springfield
 - GE Aviation Electrical Power Systems – Vandallia
 - Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics – Aurora
 - Michael Day Enterprises Inc. – Wadsworth
 - Meteor Sealing Systems LLC – Dover
 - General Extrusions Inc – Youngstown
 - Luke Engineering and Manufacturing Co – Wadsworth
 - Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics – Mantua
 - Burton Metal Finishing – Columbus
 - Remington Products Company – Wadsworth

The mission of EIO – www.energyinohio.com – is to develop, demonstrate, and incubate technologies that will improve the competitiveness of Ohio industry through increased energy efficiency, reduced operating costs and improved environmental performance.

The Ohio Department of Development, The Ohio Energy Office, works to promote the natural linkage of energy, economics, and environment. Its efforts are designed to address the energy efficiency needs of those most impacted by higher energy costs, such as low- and moderate-income residents, small businesses and local governments.

FirstEnergy is a diversified energy company headquartered in Akron, Ohio. Its subsidiaries and affiliates are involved in the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity, as well as energy management and other energy-related services.

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