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ENERGY STAR Challenge Roundtable

[Learn More About Energy Efficiency for Your Business](#)

OPPD's ENERGY STAR Challenge Roundtable is fast approaching. The Aug. 18 event will provide discussion and insights into how make your business more energy-efficient.

ENERGY STAR Challenge Roundtable
August 18th
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sullivan's, 222 S. 15 St.

The event is free



It's a great opportunity to exchange ideas, make new connections and learn more about Energy Star.

This program is made possible though partial funding from the American Public Power Association (APPA).

Among the hot topics for discussion are:

- How can I benchmark the energy usage at my building against other buildings?
- How can my building qualify for an Energy Star Award?
- What can I do to make my company's buildings more Energy Efficient?

OPPD Commercial and Industrial Customers who are interested in Energy Efficiency and Energy Star are encouraged to attend.

Seating is limited so please reserve your space by emailing [Kim Barnes](#) with your name and company's name by Aug. 16.

If you are interested in helping support future Roundtables by hosting, sponsoring or providing energy efficiency tips or promotional items please email [Business Energy Solutions](#).

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Future Roundtables



Date	Time	Location
August 18	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Sullivan's, 222 S. 15 St.
November 17	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Spezia, 3125 S. 72. St.

Portfolio Manager Training



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Portfolio Manager Training

In this training, you will learn how EPA's Portfolio Manager can help you evaluate the energy performance of office buildings you own, manage or hold for investment. This training will cover creating a user account, identifying data requirements, managing and sharing information, and establishing an energy performance rating.

The rating serves as a benchmark to compare the energy performance of your office building against similar ones across the nation. From a portfolio perspective, energy performance ratings provide valuable information for making decisions regarding investments in energy efficiency, developing energy management plans, and measuring improvement over time

Who should participate: Property managers, energy managers, engineers, and organizational leaders interested in learning about energy performance benchmarking

OPPD is offering two training sessions in the ENERGY STAR application. To register, please email [Kim Barnes](#). All training sessions will be conducted at Energy Plaza, 444 South 16th Street Mall, Omaha, NE. Lunch will be provided.

Training Schedule

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, April 20	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	9 West A/B room



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DEED Digest

Newsletter of the APPA Program to Demonstrate Energy-Efficient Developments

Spring/Summer 2009, Volume 27, Number 2-3

Thirteen DEED projects funded at spring meeting

Four student research grants/internships and nine utility grant projects were approved by the DEED board of directors at its spring board meeting March 25-26 in Austin, Texas. This is 66% of the student proposals submitted and 53 % of the utility projects submitted.

Get ready for the fall funding cycle. Grant applications are due Aug. 15. Student research grant and internship applications are due Oct. 15. If you have questions contact Michele Suddleson, DEED program manager, at 202/467-2960 or DEED@APPAnet.org.

\$223,500 in Grants Approved

City Utilities of Springfield in Missouri will deploy a pilot project to assess the feasibility and cost effectiveness of utilizing a remote monitoring and control system without the installation of utility-owned communication infrastructure. Instead, the public cellular network will be utilized for data only transmission. It is hoped the project, Smart Grid Without AMI Investment, will result in improved system efficiencies, reduced line losses, and increased utility revenues without the need to deploy high-cost AMI infrastructure. A \$7,500 DEED grant will assist this effort.

A \$35,000 DEED grant was approved for phase two of Cleveland Public Power's (CPP) effort to investigate an innovative, state-of-the-art, municipal solid waste to energy facility. Their project, Cleveland Municipal Solid Waste to Energy Project Facility Design, includes developing a

facility design that will integrate the various components of this advanced system. The project builds on CPP's prior grant for a feasibility study to assess an innovative pyrolysis gasification technology that processes and recycles municipal solid waste (MSW) in a patented process that presents near-zero toxic emissions and a steam compression technology that converts waste to feedstock for electric generation. If built, this facility would be the first worldwide application of a sustainability model for recovery, recycling, and re-utilization of MSW.

Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) received a \$15,000 grant for

its project, Energy Star and Energy Star Challenge, to fully implement and document its efforts as an Energy Star Partner. OPPD will document their program and develop best practice guidelines to help other utilities to begin and/or maximize their participation as Energy Star partners and help customers participate as Energy Star partners. Additionally, this project will encourage innovative energy efficiency measures in C&I buildings, assist utility customers in the identification/creation of Energy Star buildings, and increase participation in the Energy Star Challenge.

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Salt River Project, Ames Electric Service, Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative win Innovator awards

The 2009 Energy Innovator Award recipients are Salt River Project in Arizona, Ames Electric Service in Iowa and Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative. This annual award, sponsored by the DEED program, recognizes innovative programs that have made outstanding advances in the development or application of highly creative energy-efficient techniques or technologies. The first Energy Innovator Awards were presented in 1981.

Maude Grantham-Richards, immediate past chair of APPA's board of directors and electric utility director, Farmington, N.M., Electric

Utility System, presented the awards during APPA's National Conference, June 16, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The panel of judges who selected the winners included Ronald J. Binz, chairman, Colorado Public Utilities Commission; Katherine Hamilton, president, GridWise Alliance; Howard Herzog, principal research engineer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; John L. Neufeld, professor of economics, University of North Carolina at Greensboro; and Monica Trauzzi, managing editor and host, E&ETV.

See page four for the descriptions of the winning programs and photos from the national conference awards program. ■