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Governor Recognizes Michael Eick for Reducing Energy Waste

*Best Residential Project in Second Annual
Governor's Energy Excellence Awards Competition*

LANSING — Clinton Township resident Michael Eick was among eight organizations and individuals that received the Governor's Energy Excellence Award for their successful efforts to reduce energy waste. The award winners were announced by Gov. Rick Snyder and honored at a ceremony at Michigan State University in East Lansing on August 11.

Eick was selected as Best Residential Project for, among other things, installing new windows and an energy-efficient furnace, adding insulation, caulking moldings and doors, and sealing duct work. He even changed the way he charges his electric car.

“Reducing energy waste will be a critically important part of an energy policy that will preserve Michigan's comeback and protect our wonderful natural resources for decades to come,” said the governor. “The individuals and organizations honored today should be proud of their innovative efforts, and I encourage all Michiganders to take the necessary steps to be more energy efficient.”

The award for Best Residential Project is presented each year to a homeowner who has performed retrofits that produce significant energy savings. Finalists in the category this year were Matthew Grocoff of Ann Arbor and Peter McWethy of Kalamazoo. Honorable mention went to Whitney Jonas also of Kalamazoo.

Following is a comprehensive list of the other 2016 honorees by category.

Best Projects — Commercial (Private)

Winner: Odawa Casino Resort, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Petoskey
Finalist: Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, L'Anse
Finalist: Visteon Corporation, Van Buren Township
Honorable Mention: PK Housing and Management, Okemos

Best Projects — Public

Winner: Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo
Finalist: East Jackson Community Schools, Jackson
Finalist: Parchment School District, Parchment
Honorable Mention: Michigan State University, East Lansing

Best Projects — Industrial/Manufacturing

Winner: Cargill Inc. — Cargill Salt, St. Clair
Finalist: Graphic Packaging International, Battle Creek

Best Projects — Agriculture

Winner: Weiss Centennial Farms, Frankenmuth
Finalist: GDW Farms, Holland
Finalist: Miller Family Farm, Carney
Honorable Mention: Coveyou Scenic Farm Market, Petoskey

Contractor of the Year

Winner: Oscar W. Larson Company, Clarkston
Finalist: Bel-Aire Heating and Air Conditioning, Portage
Finalist: Performance Engineering Group, Inc., Livonia
Honorable Mention: Randazzo Mechanical Heating and Cooling, Macomb

Best Communication or Education Program

Winner: Habitat for Humanity of Kent County, Grand Rapids
Finalist: City of Holland
Finalist: Muskegon County Department of Veterans Affairs, Muskegon
Honorable Mention: Michigan Farm Energy Program, East Lansing

Innovator of the Year

Winner: Dennis Schultz — Terra Caloric, Alpena
Finalist: John Slagter — The Mackinac Technology Company, Grand Rapids
Finalist: Venntis Technologies, LLC, Holland
Honorable Mention: Nextek Power Systems, Detroit

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