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**Governor Recognizes WMGB Home Improvement of Wyoming for Reducing Energy Waste**

*Contractor of the Year in Fourth Annual*

*Governor’s Energy Excellence Awards*

**LANSING, Mich.** — WMGB Home Improvement, LLC of Wyoming was among eight organizations and individuals recognized at the Governor’s Energy Excellence Awards for successful efforts to reduce energy waste. The award winners were announced by Gov. Rick Snyder and honored at a ceremony in Grand Rapids on September 5.

WMGB Home Improvement is known throughout West Michigan for thorough energy audits and a 35-year reputation for unbeatable quality. The company’s team of Building Performance Institute–certified auditors work with programs, such as the Holland Home Energy Retrofit Program, to bring significant energy savings to their customers’ homes. While the company specializes in window installation, they also help homeowners access incentives for air sealing, insulation, HVAC equipment and energy-efficient appliances in their projects.

This holistic approach to reducing energy waste is paying off; in 2017 alone, WMGB Home Improvement completed more than 600 assessments and 200 retrofit projects, saving an estimated 114,450 therms of natural gas and almost 55,000 kWh of energy each year.

“Reducing energy waste, along with ensuring energy reliability and advancing clean energy, is a key component of Michigan’s energy policy," said the governor. “We’re proud of the steps taken by the individuals and organizations we’re honoring because collectively they illustrate what can be done to reduce energy waste and save money, both of which strengthen Michigan's economy.”

The Contractor of the Year award is presented to an energy-efficiency contractor that provides exemplary customer service and/or implements an innovative installation with a customer. This year, the other finalists in this category were Albert Heating & Cooling of Sault Ste. Marie

and Ecotelligent Homes of Farmington Hills.

Following is a comprehensive list of the 2018 honorees by category.

**Best Projects — Residential**

*Winner:* James Stump, *Lyons*

*Finalist:* Nancy Choura, *South Haven*

*Finalist*: Roy Cole, *Holland*

*Honorable Mention*: Robert Katrinic, *Holland*

**Best Projects — Agriculture**

*Winner*: Continental Dairy Facilities, LLC, *Coopersville*

**Best Projects — Industrial/Manufacturing**

*Winner*: ArcelorMittal, *Detroit*

*Finalist*: Verso Corporation, *Escanaba*

**Best Projects — Commercial (Private)**

*Winner*: IBEW Local 58, *Detroit*

*Finalist*: Metea Court Apartments, *Buchanan*

*Finalist*: Otsego Apartments, *Jackson*

**Best Projects — Public**

*Winner*: Genesee Intermediate School District, *Flint*

*Finalist*: Holland Board of Public Works, *Holland*

*Finalist*: Van Buren Intermediate School District, *Lawrence*

*Honorable Mention:* University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor*

**Contractor of the Year**

*Winner*: WMGB Home Improvement, *Wyoming*

*Finalist*: Albert Heating & Cooling, *Sault Ste. Marie*

*Finalist*: Ecotelligent Homes, *Farmington Hills*

**Innovator of the Year**

*Winner*: Major General Michael Stone, *Lansing*

*Finalist*: Dave Heinz, *Petoskey*

*Finalist*: Kenneth Randazzo, *Detroit*

*Honorable Mention:* Michael Abraham, Jr. and Sam DiNello*, Sterling Heights*

**Best Program**

*Winner*: Homeless Shelters Initiative, *Okemos*

*Finalist*: EnergySmart Grocer, *East Lansing*

*Finalist*: Residential Energy Performance Labeling Pilot Program, *Holland*

*Honorable Mention:* House of Worship Rewards*, Jackson*

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*The Governor's Energy Excellence Awards honor Michigan individuals and organizations who have made reducing energy waste and implementing energy-efficient practices part of their everyday lives. The awards would not be possible without the support of the Department of Energy and the Michigan Agency for Energy through the Michigan Energy Office. Other sponsors include CLEAResult; Consumers Energy; Dow Chemical Company; DTE Energy; DNV GL; ITC; and SEMCO ENERGY Gas Company.*

*For more information on the awards, go to* [www.mienergyexcellence.org](http://www.mienergyexcellence.org)*. For winner and finalist photos and project descriptions, click on “Finalists.”*