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**Governor Recognizes IBEW Local 58**

**of Detroit for Reducing Energy Waste**

*Best Commercial Project (Private) in Fourth Annual*

*Governor’s Energy Excellence Awards*

**LANSING, Mich.** — The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 58 of Detroit was among eight winners in the organizations and individuals recognized at the Governor’s Energy Excellence Awards for successful efforts to reduce energy waste. The winners were announced by Gov. Rick Snyder and honored at a ceremony in Grand Rapids on September 5.

IBEW Local 58 was awarded for its efforts to convert its headquarters in Detroit’s historic Corktown neighborhood into the state’s largest net-zero energy center. To get there, it took an incredible effort from dozens of Michigan businesses—as well as more than 500 LED lights; 600 solar panels; energy-efficient windows and doors; a structural insulated panel system; and much more.

Through this project, the headquarters increased its ENERGY STAR® rating from 37 to an impressive 95, ranking them in the 95th percentile of buildings in similar climates. The building, which serves 4,700 members in Southeast Michigan, also reduced energy use by 76 percent, and IBEW Local 58 expects to lower their annual electric bill by an incredible $56,957.

“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 award for Best Commercial Project (Private) recognizes energy-saving projects completed in the previous year by owners and/or operators of commercial buildings, such as multifamily residential apartments and townhomes, professional offices, restaurants, warehouses, nonprofits and houses of worship. This year, the other finalists in this category were Metea Court Apartments of Buchanan and the Otsego Apartments of Jackson.

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.*

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