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**Governor Recognizes ArcelorMittal of Detroit**

**for Reducing Energy Waste**

*Best Industrial/Manufacturing Project in Fourth Annual*

*Governor’s Energy Excellence Awards*

**LANSING, Mich.** — ArcelorMittal 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.

ArcelorMittal, an automotive steel supplier, was awarded for their efforts rehabilitating a 90-year-old historic building in Detroit into a new energy-efficient plant. The $53 million investment cemented one of ArcelorMittal’s core values—providing high-quality products without sacrificing sustainability. Among other additions, the construction of the plant included over 400,000 square feet of new insulation, new LED lighting and high-efficiency heaters and fans, allowing the plant to make its debut as a safe and highly efficient addition to the Motor City. These upgrades are expected to lead to savings of over 22,000 cubic feet of natural gas and almost 850,000 kWh 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 award for Best Industrial/Manufacturing Project is presented each year to a manufacturing operation that uses energy-efficiency solutions to help reduce energy costs. This year, the other finalist in this category was Verso Corporation of Escanaba.

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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