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2016 Lighting Energy Efficiency in Parking Campaign Award Winners Announced

Annual LEEP awards honors organizations for cutting energy use in parking facilities

(Los Angeles) – Oct. 5, 2016 – Today, the winners of the 2016 Lighting Energy Efficiency in Parking (LEEP) campaign were announced. LEEP is an annual recognition of real estate owners that have achieved exceptional performance in parking facility energy reduction through high-efficiency lighting and controls. LEEP is a collaboration the [Building Owners and Managers Association International \(BOMA\)](#), [International Facility Management Organization \(IFMA\)](#), [International Parking Institute \(IPI\)](#) and the [U.S. Green Building Council \(USGBC\)](#) in conjunction with the Department of Energy [Better Buildings Alliance](#).

The 2016 LEEP campaign participants and award winners added nearly 65 million square feet of additional high-performance lighting in parking facilities and achieved an estimated 60 percent in energy savings compared to existing or baseline numbers.

“From military bases to residential housing complexes, this year’s LEEP award winners represent the best new projects and retrofits in parking facility lighting across the United States,” said Paul Wessel, director, USGBC. “Through the combination of new equipment, proper lighting design and the use of automated controls, this was also the first year that the majority of our LEEP facilities experienced more than 90 percent energy savings in their parking lots.”

The 2016 award winners are:

- **Arby’s Restaurant Group:** Highest Percentage Savings in a Retrofit at a Single Parking Lot
- **Baylor Scott and White Health:** Highest Percentage Energy Savings in a Retrofit at a Single Parking Structure; Exceptional Lighting Efficiency in New Parking Construction
- **Beaumont Health System:** Exemplary Healthcare Parking Facility award
- **Brixmor Property Group Inc.:** Highest Percentage Energy Savings in a Retrofit at a Single Parking Lot; Exemplary Retail/Commercial Sector Facility
- **CBRE | Regions Bank:** Highest Percentage Energy Savings in a Retrofit at a Single Parking Structure; Highest Percentage Energy Savings in a Retrofit at a Single Parking Lot; Exemplary Retail/Commercial Sector Parking Facility
- **Frontier Hospitality Group:** Exemplary Hospitality Sector Parking Facility
- **Greystar Real Estate:** Exemplary Residential Sector Parking Facility
- **Kana Hotel Group:** Highest Percentage Energy Savings in a Retrofit at a Single Parking Lot
- **Kelco Management & Development:** Exemplary Hospitality Parking Facility
- **Kimco Realty Corporation:** Highest Percentage Energy Savings in a Retrofit of a Parking Lot; Largest Absolute Area of Facility Upgrades
- **MC Realty:** Highest Percentage Energy Savings in a Retrofit at a Single Parking Structure; Exemplary Office Sector Parking Facility
- **MGM Resorts International:** Largest Portfolio-Wide Energy Savings
- **Principal Real Estate Investors:** Highest Absolute Energy Savings in a Retrofit at a Single Parking Lot

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- **University of Minnesota:** Highest Absolute Energy Savings in a Retrofit at a Single Parking Structure (East River); Highest Percentage Energy Savings in a Retrofit at a Single Parking Structure (19th Avenue)
- **U.S. Army Reserves Pacific 9th Mission Support Command:** Highest Percentage Savings in a Retrofit at a Single Parking Lot
- **The Wendy's Company:** Highest Percentage Energy Savings in a Retrofit at a Single Parking Lot; Largest Absolute Number of Facility Upgrades

The LEEP campaign encourages the use of high-efficiency lighting technology in parking facilities in order to save money and energy resources. The 2016 LEEP awards winners were acknowledged at the 2016 [Greenbuild International Conference and Expo](#) in Los Angeles, California.

Since its launch in 2012, the LEEP campaign has added more than 550 million square feet of parking structure or lot space, which correlates to annual energy savings of 137 kilowatts or \$14 million, enough to power 12,000 homes in the United States annually. There are more than 125 owner, managers and operators across North America participating in high-efficiency parking lighting solutions for new construction projects and retrofits through the LEEP campaign.

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