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## **2017 LEEP Award Winners Recognized for Achievement in Energy Efficiency**

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

HOUSTON - (October 23, 2017) – Today, the 2017 Lighting Energy Efficiency in Parking (LEEP) Campaign award winners were announced at the annual International Facility Management Association (IFMA) World Workplace Conference and Expo. Fifteen organizations were recognized for achieving exceptional energy reductions in parking facilities through high-efficiency lighting and controls. The LEEP Campaign offers free guidance to parking facility owners and managers, enabling them to take advantage of savings opportunities from high-efficiency lighting solutions in their parking facilities.

Since 2012, LEEP Campaign participants have upgraded or installed energy efficiency equipment and/or lighting controls in over 560 million square feet of parking facilities, representing 1.7 million parking spots. Participants have saved 227 million kWh annually, amounting to \$23.6 million in electricity savings and deferring the energy usage of roughly 21,000 homes. The LEEP program is a collaboration between the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), Building Owners and Managers Association International (BOMA), IFMA and International Parking Institute in conjunction with the Department of Energy's Better Buildings Alliance.

"From universities and healthcare facilities to military bases and sports venues, property owners and operators understand the opportunity parking facilities offer when it comes to saving money, saving energy, and providing better lighting," said Paul Wessel, director, U.S. Green Building Council. "Through a combination of new equipment, proper lighting design and the use of automated controls, the 2017 LEEP winners represent some of the best new projects and retrofits in parking facility lighting across the U.S."

The 2017 LEEP Campaign winners include:

- **Alexandria City Public Schools** – Exemplary Municipal Sector Parking Facility
- **Brixmor Property Group** – Highest Annual Energy Savings in a Retrofit at a Single Parking Lot and Highest Percentage Energy Savings in a Retrofit at a Single Parking Lot
- **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives National Laboratory and Fire Research Center** – Exemplary Federal Sector Parking Facility
- **The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.** – Exemplary Office/Industrial Sector Parking Facility
- **Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis** – Exemplary Higher Education Sector Parking Facility
- **Kimco Realty Corporation** – Largest Number of Facility Upgrades, Largest Area of Facility Upgrades, and Largest Portfolio-wide Annual Absolute Energy Savings
- **Mayo Clinic** – Exemplary Healthcare Sector Parking Facility and Highest Percentage Energy Savings in a Retrofit at a Single Parking Structure

## 2017 LEEP Campaign Winners Announced

- **MC Realty Group LLC** – Highest Percentage Energy Savings in a Retrofit at a Single Parking Structure and Highest Percentage Energy Savings in a New Construction at a Single Parking Structure
- **Nellis Air Force Base** – Exemplary Federal Sector Parking Facility
- **Pittsburgh Sports and Exhibition Authority** – Best Use of Lighting Controls in a Single Facility, Highest Annual Energy Savings in a Retrofit at a Single Parking Structure, and Highest Percentage Energy Savings in a Retrofit at a Single Parking Structure
- **University of Alberta-Facilities & Operations** – Exemplary Higher Education Sector Parking Facility
- **University of Oklahoma** – Highest Annual Energy Savings in New Construction at a Single Parking Structure
- **Virginia Commonwealth University** – Exemplary Higher Education Sector Parking Facility
- **Welltower Inc.** – Exemplary Healthcare Sector Parking Facility
- **Yamaha Motor Corporation** – Exemplary Office/Industrial Sector Parking Facility

More information about the program and its impact can be found at

<http://www.leepcampaign.org/>.