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**2016 Excellence in Energy Efficient Design Award Winners Announced**

DES MOINES, Iowa – Sept. 22, 2016 – Recipients of the 2016 Excellence in Energy Efficient Design Award were announced at the 2016 American Institute of Architects Iowa Regional Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. The Excellence in Energy Efficient Design Award program recognizes outstanding efforts in reducing energy use. Candidates are selected from projects whose designers participated in the Commercial New Construction program offered by Alliant Energy, Black Hills Energy and MidAmerican Energy Company. Projects must have been completed between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

The Commercial New Construction program provides energy design assistance and energy-efficiency incentives to commercial customers for new construction, additions and renovation projects located in areas served by the three utilities.

The Commercial New Construction program recognizes the following companies:

1. **Shive-Hattery, Architecture + Engineering** for the Oaknoll Spring Street Expansion, achieving a 62 percent annual kBTU savings.
2. **FEH DESIGN and EDA Inc.** for the Sioux City Community School District Morningside Elementary School, achieving a 61 percent annual kBTU savings.
3. **OPN Architects and Design Engineers** for Alexander Elementary School, achieving a 61 percent annual kBTU savings.

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4. **Prochaska & Associates** for the Fremont County Law Enforcement Center, achieving a 61 percent annual kBTU savings.
5. **Straka Johnson Architects and MEP Engineers** for the Asbury Community Services Campus, achieving a 58 percent annual kBTU savings.
6. **Wells + Associates, PC and KCL Engineering** for Des Moines Public Schools - Moore Elementary School Addition and Renovation, achieving a 57 percent annual kBTU savings.
7. **OPN Architects and Design Engineers** for the Iowa City Community School District Penn Elementary Addition and Remodeling, achieving a 55 percent annual kBTU savings.
8. **City Construction and Price Industrial Electric** for the Altorfer Ag Service Center, achieving a 47 percent annual kBTU savings.
9. **Shive-Hattery, Architecture + Engineering** for the Mid-Prairie Community School District Middle School Addition and Renovation, achieving a 46 percent annual kBTU savings.
10. **Shive-Hattery, Architecture + Engineering** for the Cedar Rapids Community School District Washington HVAC Renovation, achieving a 46 percent annual kBTU savings.

Alliant Energy, Black Hills Energy and MidAmerican Energy thank the Iowa architectural and engineering communities for their continued dedication to energy efficiency and participation in the Commercial New Construction program.

#### **Alliant Energy**

Alliant Energy Corporation's Iowa utility subsidiary, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL), utilizes the trade name of Alliant Energy. The Iowa utility is based in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and provides electric service to 490,000 customers and natural gas service to 225,000 customers. The employees of Alliant Energy focus on delivering the energy solutions and exceptional service their customers and communities expect – safely, efficiently and responsibly. For more information, Alliant Energy Corporation is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol LNT and is a component of the S&P 500. For more information, visit [alliantenergy.com](http://alliantenergy.com).

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**Black Hills Energy – Iowa Gas**

Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy serves 151,000 natural gas customers in 130 Iowa communities and is a recipient of the U.S. EPA 2012 ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> Leadership in Housing Award. Black Hills Energy is a subsidiary of Black Hills Corp., a diversified energy company with a tradition of exemplary service and a vision to be the energy partner of choice. Black Hills Corp. is based in Rapid City, S.D., with corporate offices in

Denver and Papillion, Neb. Black Hills Corp. serves 765,000 natural gas and electric utility customers in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming, and its non-regulated businesses generate wholesale electricity and produce natural gas, oil and coal. Black Hills Corp.'s 2,000 employees partner to produce results that are improving life with energy. More information is available at [www.blackhillscorp.com](http://www.blackhillscorp.com).

**MidAmerican Energy Company**

MidAmerican Energy Company is an energy provider serving 752,000 electric customers and 733,000 natural gas customers in Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska and South Dakota. It is headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa. Information about MidAmerican Energy is available on the company's website and its Twitter, Facebook and YouTube pages, which can be accessed via [MidAmerican Energy Company's website](#).

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