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GreenSTAR Spotlight

Hurst Mechanical Makes Energy Savings a Reality for Local Retirement Community

The building management and residents at Clark Retirement Community in Grand Rapids, MI, are feeling good for a multitude of reasons. They've partnered with Hurst Mechanical



(Belmont, MI) to make a commitment to energy efficiency and sustainability and the pay-off has been more than they imagined (or asked for).

The journey began when Hurst Mechanical performed an energy benchmark for Clark Retirement Community (Clark) in early 2012. The 106-year-old building scored 12 out of 100 on the ENERGY STAR rating scale. Mike Ignatoski, Clark's Director of Capital Projects and Facilities, was already taking

steps to make changes to the buildings, but was surprised to find out how much room Clark had for improvement. [Read the rest of the story here.](#)

ENERGY STAR Webinar Will Focus on Financial Benefits

Dr. Sharon Levin, ENERGY STAR expert, will present *Financial Benefits of Energy Saving* on April 17 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Dr. Levin conducted last year's ENERGY STAR webinars and was a popular presenter at 2012's Energy Solutions Summit in Baltimore, MD. During this program participants will gain the skills to persuasively explain the financial benefits of reducing energy consumption in commercial building to their customers. The role of tenants in energy consumption and reduction will also be explored.

The third webinar in this series, *ENERGY STAR Recognition Opportunities*, will be broadcast on June 19 at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

[Click here](#) to register for one or both of these webinars.

To view the first webinar of the 2013 series, *ENERGY STAR Benchmark Troubleshooting*, [click here.](#)

ESP Webinar Set for March

GreenSTARs ready to take the next step with their Energy Solutions Profile (ESP) experience should plan to listen in on our *Detailed Assessments through ESP Webinar* to be held on March 13, at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Time. Past MSCA Chairman and benchmarking pro Thom Brazel (Ruthrauff Service LLC, Pittsburgh, PA) will demonstrate the many advantages of using the software. You'll also learn about how you can now download information from data loggers into the program and chart temperature, humidity and CO2 to create a more robust benchmarking report. ESP software developer Kevin Rahe will also be on hand for the demonstration and to answer technical questions.

To register for this webinar, [click here.](#)

GSA Calls for Comment on Green Building Certification System Review

GSA completed its most recent evaluation of green building certification systems in March 2012. This evaluation includes certification systems for new construction, major renovations and existing buildings (ongoing operations). The agency is now soliciting comments on this review through April 8, 2013. The findings of the review take into account the following areas:

- GSA's Green Building Certification System review report evaluating green building certification systems

- Interrelationships among green building certification systems and recently promulgated green building standards (i.e. ASHRAE 189.1 and the IGCC)
- Federal high performance building design, construction and operations requirements
- Metrics to inform building performance tracking and reporting
- Consideration of cost effectiveness: how high performance in buildings can reduce the total cost of ownership

[Click here](#) to view the GSA Green Building Certification System Review.

To submit your comments, visit <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for "Notice-MG-2012-04".

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