

The Energy Services Coalition Georgia Chapter 2017 Year in Review

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Dear Chapter Member,

As we ring in 2018, exciting things are happening with the Energy Services Coalition all around the nation. In 2018 the ESC will hold its Seventh Annual Market Transformation Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. We will co-host this national conference with our Georgia ESC Chapter. Stay tuned for more updates.

For our Georgia members we present this "Year In Review" as a sampling of performance contracting stories making headlines in Georgia during 2017. To stay up-to-date, or to share a news item with us – please visit the [Georgia ESC Chapter Facebook](#) page.

The Georgia ESC Chapter has a year-end balance of \$7,875 in the Chapter's account. These funds can be used on behalf of the Chapter to provide education and develop and disseminate information to increase the delivery of energy efficiency through a guaranteed energy savings performance contract.

For ideas on Chapter activities we encourage GA ESC Chapter members to check out the [ESC Chapter Playbook](#) on our website. The Playbook is a living document that represents examples of successes and challenges in promoting GESPC from state ESC Chapters around the country. The Playbook outlines activities and approaches other state ESC Chapters have engaged in support of a statewide GESPC public program to increase performance contracting activity.

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Happy New Year,
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2017 Georgia ESPC Newsmakers

Georgia Named ESC Energy Champion State

Georgia was among 12 states receiving the 2017 ESC Energy Stewardship Champion award at the annual Market Transformation Conference on August 11, 2017. The award is given to states in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in leveraging Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contracting to achieve energy savings, infrastructure modernization, environmental stewardship, and economic development.

In 2010, Georgia voters overwhelmingly passed a constitutional amendment to support guaranteed energy savings performance contracting as a way for the state to pay to install energy-saving devices at essentially no cost.

November 3, 2017: Quitman County School District announced it will implement a GESPC project that will enhance the district's buildings and will save nearly \$500,000 over the life of the project.

March 2, 2017 * Georgia World Congress Center Authority (GWCCA) unveiled upgrades to the Atlanta convention center that are expected to cut energy costs and reduce the centers carbon footprint by 39 percent annually, saving more than \$2.5 million in the first year alone.

The GWCCA, featuring the landmark convention center, represents a significant economic driver for the state. GWCCA leaders report that the 2016 economic impact of the convention center was \$1.1 billion and that in its entirety, the GWCCA, including the convention center, currently ranks as the number one sports, entertainment, and convention destination in the world. The GWCCA funded the \$28 million project through the Georgia Energy Savings Contracting Procurement program, making it the state's largest stand-alone energy performance contract and the nation's largest for any public assembly



We need your involvement. If you are a former Georgia ESC Chapter member, then you know that the ESC provides a unique forum in which all stakeholders can work together to address and overcome barriers limiting the effective use of GESPC. So, if you are still involved in energy savings performance contracting programs, products or services, then coming back to the Energy Services Coalition may be right for you. Please consider renewing your membership. I hope you will be able to (re) join us and get involved!

venue, according to the GWCCA.

October 11, 2017: Brighton hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of energy performance measures implemented as a result of a 2016 GESPC with Honeywell.

2016: Earlier in 2016, the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) announced the University System of Georgia (USG), and the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) had entered into guaranteed energy savings performance contracts that will provide energy and water substantial savings.

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