

Press Release

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HERNDON, VA – April 29, 2009 –ENERGY STAR®, a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Energy, has confirmed the Association for Facilities Engineering (AFE) as an ENERGY STAR Partner in the Buildings and Plants category.

AFE, a professional association whose members include facilities engineers and maintenance and operations personnel, has joined ENERGY STAR to promote improved energy efficiency within the facilities environment. Recognized by more than 60% of US consumers nationwide, ENERGY STAR works with over 12,000 public and private sector organizations that ensure energy efficient products and practices help to reduce high energy bills, improve comfort and help to protect the environment.

Products, homes, and buildings that earn the ENERGY STAR prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy efficiency guidelines set by the EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy. AFE is proud to be able to recommend energy efficient products to its members and their clients, and is dedicated to educating its members on renewable energy systems as well as energy efficient choices for lighting, appliances, and technology.

"AFE is pleased to be able to promote a more energy efficient facilities environment as a supporter of the ENERGY STAR program," said Laurence Gration, CEO. "AFE members can make a significant contribution to the environment by choosing power-saving products and technologies to reduce the amount of energy consumed by facilities."

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About AFE: Founded in 1954, the Association for Facilities Engineering (AFE) is the premier organization for professionals responsible for the design, operation, maintenance and security of a facility's infrastructure and environment. With more than 100 chapters in the U.S. and a presence in more than a dozen countries, AFE offers education, training and technical resources geared toward advancing the careers of facilities professionals. AFE's Certified Plant Engineer (CPE), Certified Plant Maintenance Manager (CPMM) and Certified Plant Supervisor (CPS) programs serve as the industry's benchmarks for knowledge and expertise in all 10 core areas of facilities engineering. AFE's Facilities Engineering Journal is published six times a year. For more information, visit www.AFE.org.

About ENERGY STAR: ENERGY STAR is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy helping us all save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices.