

City of Battle Creek, Michigan Receives the 2014 Michigan Economic Development Corporation ESC Award for Economic Leadership in Energy Efficiency

ESPC projects with Ameresco honored for energy efficiency improvements and long-term infrastructure upgrades in City facilities significantly reducing utility expenses and paying for improvements through savings.

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. & BATTLE CREEK, Mich.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Ameresco, Inc.](#), (NYSE:AMRC), a leading [energy efficiency](#) and [renewable energy](#) company, announced today that the City of Battle Creek, MI was the recipient of the 2014 Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Energy Services Coalition (ESC) Award for its sustainability focus and leadership in efficiency initiatives. Under Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPC) with Ameresco, valued at more than \$4.4 million, the City has undertaken major upgrade projects at facilities including the Kellogg Arena Event Center and Full Blast Recreation Center resulting in more than \$84,000 in annual energy and maintenance savings.

The City was recognized by the Michigan Chapter of the Energy Services Coalition during an awards luncheon today at the Michigan Municipal League office in Lansing. City Manager Rebecca Fleury accepted the award on behalf of the City.

“The City of Battle Creek is honored to be recognized by the MEDC and to receive this sustainability leadership award,” said Fleury. “Our entire community is committed to reducing our energy usage and to being more efficient, and our ongoing partnership with Ameresco has allowed us to effectively upgrade our facilities while utilizing taxpayer dollars in the most efficient and environmentally responsible way.”

Ameresco performed several projects and energy efficient upgrades under the ESPCs. Some of the energy conservation measures (ECMs) at Kellogg Arena included: replacing the roof, renovating and replacing seats (bleacher mechanism replacement), LED exterior lighting retrofit, instituting water conservation measures, enhancing building envelope and replacing windows. Some of the ECMs implemented at the Full Blast Recreation Center included: a central hot water heating plant that provides the heating capacity for improved building comfort, domestic hot water, and the indoor pool, a new open protocol controls system, and installation of renewable energy features, such as solar energy for the outdoor pool. Each of these measures at the facilities were designed to increase the efficient use of energy and to decrease the buildings' emissions and carbon footprint, while enhancing the comfort for guests.

“These projects helped to reduce our overall operating costs and have allowed us to take a

leadership role in economic and environmental stewardship in our community,” said Fleury. “It’s important for us to take a proactive role in reducing our energy consumption and it’s rewarding to have been recognized for our commitment.”

“Ameresco commends the City of Battle Creek for its leadership and we congratulate the City on the award,” said Louis P. Maltezos, Executive Vice President, Ameresco. “We value our partnership where together we have been able to realize great results utilizing a phased-approach to implementing improvements to facilities throughout the community. The energy efficiency and infrastructure upgrade projects at the Full Blast Recreation Center and the Kellogg Arena are delivering greater energy efficiency and significant financial, comfort and environmental benefits for the community.”

About Michigan Economic Development Corporation

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation, a public-private partnership serving as the state’s marketing arm and lead agency for business, talent and jobs, focuses on helping grow Michigan’s economy. For more on the MEDC and its initiatives, visit www.MichiganAdvantage.org.

About City of Battle Creek

Known as “Cereal City,” Battle Creek is located in Calhoun County off I-94 between Chicago and Detroit. Battle Creek has a proud history and promising future of providing the world’s leading food brands, research and training. The City is home to Kellogg Company’s world headquarters, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and the International Food Protection Training Institute. Battle Creek has many other major corporate members including Post Cereals, Ralcorp, Denso, Il Stanley, and Duncan Aviation. Downtown Battle Creek is undergoing a revitalization effort to accommodate food science and other innovation industries. Battle Creek’s Air National Guard Base, commercial airport and industrial park contribute to a diversified local economy that attracts worldwide businesses for military, aviation, aerospace and alternative energy. For more information, visit <http://www.battlecreekmi.gov/>.

About Ameresco, Inc.

Founded in 2000, Ameresco, Inc. (NYSE:AMRC) is a leading independent provider of comprehensive services, energy efficiency, infrastructure upgrades, asset sustainability and renewable energy solutions for facilities throughout North America. Ameresco’s services include upgrades to a facility’s energy infrastructure and the development, construction and operation of renewable energy plants. Ameresco has successfully completed energy saving, environmentally responsible projects with federal, state and local governments, healthcare and educational institutions, housing authorities, and commercial and industrial customers. With its corporate headquarters in Framingham, MA, Ameresco provides local expertise through its 69 offices in 33 states, five Canadian provinces and the United Kingdom. Ameresco has more than 1000 employees. For more information, visit www.ameresco.com.

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