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Texas Workforce Commission Earns EPA's ENERGY STAR certification

AUSTIN – For the third consecutive year, Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) buildings have earned the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ENERGY STAR certification. Buildings that earn the EPA's ENERGY STAR certification use 35 percent less energy and generate 35 percent fewer greenhouse gas emissions than similar buildings from around the country.

In addition to this year's award, TWC's building in Grand Prairie is the sixth building to be added to TWC's certification portfolio. The repeat award winners include TWC's Main, Trinity, MoPac, Fort Worth and Houston Beechnut office buildings.



TWC Business Operations, Facilities Operations & Maintenance, Construction & Facilities and Infrastructure Planning & Budget, Construction & Facilities Management staff (pictured above) championed the effort toward the Energy Star certification by promoting energy-efficient features in buildings. Holding the Energy Star 2015 award (front left) is TWC Deputy Executive Director Ed Serna and TWC Director of Infrastructure Planning & Budget Jeanette Bradfield. Supporting the certification program are TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar (second row, far left), TWC Commissioner Ruth R. Hughs (front row, far right) and TWC Executive Director Larry Temple (last row, far right).

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Energy Star Certification

“TWC is pleased to be recognized for the energy efficiency efforts of our staff,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “This certification highlights TWC’s commitment to reduced energy consumption and agency operational costs. I commend TWC’s Business Operations facility and planning teams for their hard work in qualifying another TWC building for this recognition.”

TWC improved its energy performance by successfully integrating the use of energy-saving materials, systems design and power management strategies into TWC’s regular facility master plan and maintenance schedule. This achievement highlights an even larger milestone for all TWC-managed buildings. In the buildings for which TWC managed utilities over the last 10 years, the agency:

- Reduced electricity consumption by 36.1 percent from September 2005 through June 2015
- Reduced natural gas consumption by 6.2 percent from September 2005 through June 2015

To learn more about TWC’s commitment to energy conservation, visit the [TWC Energy Savings Program](#) webpage.

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