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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. Stay tuned for more updates.

In Texas we present this "Year in Review" as a sampling of the performance contracting news and headlines that our Texas members have shared with us during the past year. To stay up-to-date, or to share a news item with us – please visit the Texas ESC Chapter Facebook page.

The Texas ESC Chapter has a year-end balance of $4,238 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 TX 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 by state ESC Chapters around the country. The Playbook outlines activities and approaches other state ESC Chapter have engaged in support of a statewide GESPC public program to increase performance contracting activity.

Happy New Year,

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2017 Texas ESPC Newsmakers

**November 2, 2017:** Officials in Webb County announced the county will save more than $10 million through an energy efficiency project. The GESPC will improve the County’s aging facilities and deliver significant energy and operational savings. Construction is underway and is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2018.

**July 28, 2017:** The City of Raymondville is implementing a city-wide water meter upgrade through a GESPC. The City provides water for a population of approximately 11,000. Currently all 2791 meters in the city are manually read once a month. The City is looking to improve infrastructure and operational efficiency as part of long-term economic growth and sustainability plan.

**June 8, 2017:** The Texoma Childress Regional Medical Center's energy savings performance contract saved the Texoma hospital $189,219 in operational savings last year.

**April 1, 2017:** Point Isabel Independent School District's GESPC project has been honored with the Lasting Legacy Award. The award recognizes a top-performing public partner in the state for demonstrating leadership and commitment to energy initiatives that have procured sustained impacts over time. The school district pursued the GESPC as part of a long-term economic growth and sustainability plan after recognizing a long list of deferred maintenance projects due to tight budgets and rising utility costs. According to the district, the project will generate over $4.5 million in guaranteed energy savings over the life of the project. The project is expected to reduce the School District’s annual energy cost by 36 percent, saving on average $225,319 in annual energy costs. The project is also good for the local economy with a total economic impact of $9.6 million, including 34 new jobs, $4.8 million in additional business revenue and $188,258 in state and local tax revenue.

We need your involvement.

If you are a former Texas 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!

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