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Governor Jay Inslee Honors Washington Industrial Energy Leaders
Industrial companies in the State of Washington make exceptional progress toward improved energy efficiency

Olympia, WA – Governor Jay Inslee today honored five industrial companies in Washington for their outstanding leadership in improved energy performance at the second annual Washington Industrial Energy Leaders awards ceremony at the State Capitol.

“Energy efficiency means an improved bottom line for industries, and I am proud of the commitment toward innovative energy savings demonstrated by tonight’s awardees,” said Governor Jay Inslee. “A strong economy and a cleaner environment for future generations are certainly important, and a thriving industrial sector helps create and maintain jobs in our state.”

A Governor’s award for *Leadership by Example* went to Fitesa Washougal, Inc. – with Clark Public Utilities as the serving utility. An award for *Leadership in Energy Performance* went to Georgia-Pacific LLC in Camas, Wash. – with Pacific Power as the serving utility. An award for *Leadership in Innovation* went to Cardinal Glass from Tumwater, Wash. – a Puget Sound Energy customer. An honorable mention for *Leadership in Energy Performance* was awarded to ConAgra Foods Lamb Weston from Paterson, Wash., inside of the Benton Rural Electric Association service territory. And, an honorable mention for *Leadership in Innovation* was given to Nippon Paper Industries in Port Angeles, Wash. – a City of Port Angeles customer.

“Industry leaders are facing increased pressure to reduce operating costs, and to do business in a more sustainable fashion,” said Jake Fey, director of the Washington State University (WSU) Energy Program. “The most innovative are realizing that enhanced energy efficiency allows them to meet and accomplish both of these goals.”

The Washington Industrial Energy Leaders program was designed to recognize companies that are making exceptional progress toward improved energy efficiency. The program is sponsored by the [WSU Energy Program](#), [Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance](#), [Washington State Department of Commerce](#), and [Bonneville Power Administration](#) is the program’s founding sponsor.

“BPA is proud of the energy achievements by the companies within public power’s territory that are being honored tonight,” said Richard Génécé, vice president of Energy Efficiency for the Bonneville Power Administration. “Their commitment to saving energy is indicative of the innovation and leadership that has made the Northwest a national leader in energy efficiency, and the example they set provides a roadmap for industrial organizations throughout the country to follow.”

A total of 17 applications were submitted in consideration for an award, according to Christine Love,

WSU Energy Program industrial services manager. “The selection committee members agreed that each application highlighted some impressive accomplishments for the nominating businesses,” she said. “Each company that submitted an application can be proud of their efforts. Tonight’s Governor’s award winners represent the companies that ranked highest among this inspiring group.”

In addition to the Governor’s awards, four utility Sponsor’s awards were also presented. Microsoft from Redmond, Wash., received acknowledgement for *Leadership by Example*, and Sonoco Products Company from Sumner, Wash., and Cardinal Glass from Tumwater, Wash. were each honored for *Leadership in Innovation* – all served by Puget Sound Energy. Foster Farms from Kelso, Wash. – served by Cowlitz Public Utility District – was recognized for *Leadership in Energy Performance*.

The Washington Industrial Energy Leaders awards ceremony included Governor Inslee, executives from industry and their serving utilities, state leaders, and representatives from energy efficiency organizations.

The winners of the second annual Washington Industrial Energy Leaders awards will also be recognized during a special session at the [Sixth Annual Northwest Industrial Energy Efficiency Summit](#) on Jan. 15, 2014, in Portland, Ore.

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