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Governor Recognizes State Agencies for Energy Reductions

CONCORD – Governor Lynch has awarded Excellence in Energy Efficiency Awards to two state agencies and one individual state employee.

Awards were presented by the Governor to the Department of Safety, the Department of Corrections State Prison for Men, and state employee Jack Ferns of the Department of Transportation. The award ceremony took place during the annual meeting for state agency energy coordinators and facility managers, as well as other employees interested in reducing energy and energy costs.

“I am pleased to recognize these agencies and Jack Ferns today for their efforts to make state government more energy efficient. Reducing state government’s energy use will help reduce the costs of state government and reduce the pollution that threatens the health of our citizens and the health of our environment,” Gov. Lynch said.

In 2005, Governor Lynch issued an Executive Order directing all state agencies to lead-by-example in reducing energy use, buying energy-efficient appliances, purchasing more energy-efficient vehicles, and exceeding the state energy code by 20 percent when building or renovating facilities. The annual meeting reported on progress being made to reduce energy use in state buildings and fleets and opportunities for additional and future energy efficiency improvements.

The Department of Safety received an award for cutting energy use in the Hayes Safety Building on Hazen Drive by 22 percent through extensive lighting improvements, installation of motion detectors, reprogramming energy management systems for HVAC units, and installation of an efficient summer-use only boiler for the lab HVAC unit. The Department of Corrections has reduced water and sewer usage by 17 percent and saved energy for hot water in the Concord Prison laundry facility through a pilot project installation of an ozone injection cleaning system. Jack Ferns was recognized for his inspirational leadership in creating an active Energy Team at DOT that has made strides toward saving energy at DOT.

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