



Green Partnership Team News

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Updates and Industry News

DELEG's **Bureau of Energy Systems** circulates a monthly newsletter on the activities and updates within the energy sector. This month's newsletter can be accessed at the following link: [Energy Tidbits September 2010](#)

KOSTAL Kontakt Systeme Inc. - The developer and manufacturer of electric components for a variety of industries, including components for renewable energy vehicles and hybrid vehicles, plans to invest \$27.1 million to relocate the existing production of its solar connector systems, used in the renewable energy sector, from Germany and Mexico to **Rochester Hills**. The company is expected to create up to 642 total jobs, including 247 directly by the company.

Wausaukee Composites - The producer of fiberglass products and leading manufacturer of engineered composite components for the construction, agricultural equipment, medical, mass transportation and wind energy industries plans to invest \$1.9 million to expand and renovate its existing facility and purchase a new facility, both in **Owosso Charter Township**. The project is expected to create up to 361 new jobs, including 156 directly at the company.

Upcoming Events

The **U.S. Green building Council West Michigan (USGBC-WM)** will host tours of 40 commercial and residential LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified buildings located in and around Grand Rapids area on Friday and Saturday, September 10th and 11th. For additional information please visit the USGBC-WM website [here](#).

Lawrence Technological University will be giving a tour of their Lear Auditorium, and will have a panel presentation on energy efficiency from 5pm – 7:30pm September 23rd. The Lear Auditorium is located at 21000 W. 10 Mile Rd, Southfield, MI 48075. The cost is free to members and \$20 for nonmembers. To register, please call the office at 517-646-6269.

The **Michigan Sustainable Homes and Business Tour** is now seeking locations. If you would like your home or business featured on the tour, please visit the web page [here](#) for the registration form and additional tour dates.

Resource and Grant Links

The Department of Energy has launched the **Commercial Technology Manufacturing Systems and Components** solicitation, a \$750 million loan guarantee solicitation for clean energy manufacturing projects. Michigan business that plan to manufacture commercial renewable energy technologies are encouraged to apply for the program. Solicitation is a two-step process with rolling deadlines. Part I deadline is September 30th, 2010 and the first Part II Deadline is November 30, 2010. **Applicants are encouraged to get their applications in early since projects must meet all statutory and regulatory requirements and commence construction no later than September 30, 2011.** For further information please visit www.lgprogram.energy.gov.

Contractor Enrollment Still Open: **Michigan Saves** is currently enrolling energy auditors and installation contractors to participate in the Michigan Saves Home Energy Loan Program ([click here](#) to get started). After your application is approved, you must attend one of the three-hour training sessions listed below. By enrolling now, you will be one of the first Michigan Saves authorized contractors to participate in this program, which makes energy improvements easy and affordable.

September 27 - **Oakland County** (completed application due September 9, 2010)

September 29 - **Kent County** (completed application due September 9, 2010)

October 25 - **Washtenaw County**

November 8 - **Ingham County**