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Performance Services Awarded “Example of Excellence” by South Adams Schools

Berne, Indiana. The South Adams School Board met this evening and presented Performance Services with their distinguished “Example of Excellence” award. Tim Thoman, President of Performance Services, was on hand to accept the award.

Scott Litwiler, Acting Superintendent, remarked, “This award is intended to recognize people who do extraordinary things and we are pleased to recognize the people of Performance Services for their visionary collaboration to help South Adams earn the Energy Star recognition.”

In January 2011, the new South Adams K-8th grade school earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) prestigious ENERGY STAR® award after the first year of operation. Distinguished as Indiana’s first new construction project utilizing the design-build delivery method, the new school was dedicated in July of 2009 and is now distinguished as one of the most energy efficient K-12 school buildings in the state.

To earn the ENERGY STAR, the administration and facilities staff of South Adams Schools worked with Performance Services, a design builder and the design-build team, to incorporate green school features into the project, including a highly efficient mechanical-electrical-plumbing (MEP) design. Additional features included energy efficient lighting, occupancy sensors, a white reflective roof and natural daylight features. Indoor air quality standards are an important part of EPA criteria and these standards were examined and certified by a professional engineer as part of the qualification process. With annual usage of 50,000 BTU/ft2/yr for the entire building and an Energy Star score of 88, South Adams is 44 percent more efficient than the average school building in the state of Indiana and in the top 5% of ENERGY STAR certified K-12 buildings in the nation.

“A key ingredient to student learning is the learning environment, and an important aspect of the learning environment is the heating and cooling of classrooms. For many years, South Adams battled to keep classrooms at comfortable temperatures. Our new heating and cooling system for the school campus is helping us win this battle. To earn the Energy Star Award is an added bonus. It is great to be recognized that our energy costs are considerably less than the average Indiana school. I want to thank our design-build team, including Performance Services, the school board, and Dave Vorhees, for casting the vision years ago, so that an energy-efficient learning environment could be a reality for the students of South Adams,” said Scott Litwiler.

“It’s our pleasure to work with the entire administration and facilities staff at South Adams Schools and we are humbled with this recognition. This was a very enjoyable, landmark project for both Indiana and South Adams. It’s rewarding to support South Adams’ ongoing energy conservation efforts and create a quality learning environment for every student,” said Tim Thoman, President of Performance Services, an ENERGY STAR partner.

Performance Services is an Indianapolis-based, design-build engineering company that specializes in constructing and renovating schools and renovating universities to deliver optimal learning environments through both the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract and Design-Build procurement methods. Innovative wind power and geothermal systems are integral to the energy services portfolio. The company has provided energy solutions to education for 12 years and is the leading service provider of guaranteed energy savings projects and ENERGY STAR labeled schools in Indiana. To learn more, visit www.performanceservices.com.