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NYSERDA is First Government Agency Inducted into Alliance to Save Energy's 'Energy Efficiency Hall of Fame'

Presentation Made during Alliance Policy Forum on Capitol Hill

Washington, D.C.—The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) became the newest inductee into the Alliance to Save Energy's Energy Efficiency Hall of Fame at an event held on Capitol Hill yesterday. NYSERDA is the first government agency to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

"Since 1975, NYSERDA has been a leader in promoting energy efficiency, not just among state energy offices, but among all government agencies," noted Alliance President Kateri Callahan. "NYSERDA's induction into the Alliance's Hall of Fame recognizes not only NYSERDA's exceptional energy efficiency work in 2010, but also the tremendous benefits to New Yorkers' pocketbooks and to the state's economy and environment for more than 35 years."

Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), the honorary congressional chair of the Alliance's Board of Directors, presented the Hall of Fame award to NYSERDA President and CEO Francis J. Murray Jr. during the Alliance's Great Energy Efficiency Day. The day-long forum explored prospects for energy efficiency policy in the 112th Congress and the concept of energy efficiency as the nation's "first fuel." Murray currently serves as secretary on the Alliance to Save Energy Board of Directors.

"On behalf of NYSERDA's Board of Directors, staff and consumers we serve, it is an honor to accept the Hall of Fame award, and I thank Senator Shaheen and the Alliance to Save Energy for this recognition," said Murray. "Every day we are helping both our public and private customers to follow Governor Cuomo's call to do more with less, and we will continue to do so in ways that will rebuild New York's economy and sustain our environment."

“NYSERDA has a national reputation for being on the cutting edge of providing energy efficiency ideas and solutions for government, businesses, and homeowners,” said Congressman Paul Tonko, former CEO and President of NYSEDA. “This induction into the Alliance’s Hall of Fame is testament to the hard work of the people at NYSEDA and the incredible impact they have had on energy efficiency efforts here in New York and across the nation.”

“I’ve been proud to work with Frank Murray and NYSEDA on innovative advanced energy technology initiatives throughout New York State. NYSEDA’s efforts are key to creating a clean energy workforce in our region while improving our environment and economy. I look forward to continuing our work together,” said Congressman Steve Israel.

NYSERDA’s work has a real impact on all New Yorkers, helping to achieve more than \$2.9 billion in cumulative energy bill savings through energy efficiency programs. For every dollar invested, more than \$2.20 in energy savings is realized. Moreover, its investments in large-scale, clean energy technologies help lower the cost of wholesale electricity prices, benefitting all energy consumers in New York.

“NYSERDA’s well rounded approach to energy efficiency has encompassed innovation, business development, education, workforce development and the environment,” Callahan said. “In addition, the agency has successfully leveraged public/private partnerships to create and sustain energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, making it a stellar role model for the rest of the country.”

The Alliance created the Energy Efficiency Hall of Fame in 2004 to recognize and honor individuals whose hard work and dedication have made significant contributions to the advancement of energy efficiency. Previous recipients have been individual staff members from congressional offices, congressional committees, government energy agencies, and national energy research labs.

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The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority offers objective information and analysis, innovative programs, technical expertise and funding to help New Yorkers increase energy efficiency, save money, use renewable energy and reduce their reliance on fossil fuels. NYSEDA professionals work to protect our environment and create clean-energy jobs. A public benefit corporation, NYSEDA has been developing partnerships to advance innovative energy solutions in New York since 1975.

The Alliance to Save Energy is a coalition of prominent business, government, environmental and consumer leaders who promote the efficient and clean use of energy worldwide to benefit consumers, the environment, the economy and national security.

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