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Energy Trust of Oregon programs rank among top in nation *Nonprofit's New Buildings and Production Efficiency programs selected as leading examples of energy-efficiency effectiveness and innovation*

PORTLAND, Ore. — June 27, 2013 — Energy Trust of Oregon is pleased to announce that the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, ACEEE, has recognized two of its programs as part of a national awards program to honor America's leading energy-efficiency efforts.

Energy Trust's Production Efficiency program, which serves Oregon's industrial customers, and the New Buildings program, which supports energy-efficient new construction and major renovations, each rank among the top three programs in their categories and are recognized as "exemplary" by ACEEE. The nonprofit research group based in Washington, D.C. recently released a report on the leading programs, *Leaders of the Pack: ACEEE's Third National Review of Exemplary Energy Efficiency Programs*, which is available on the ACEEE website at www.aceee.org/research-report/u132.

Exemplary programs were selected from nominations solicited nationally and judged by a panel of experts. Top honors in ACEEE's 23 program categories went to programs that produce highly cost-effective energy savings while providing excellent customer service. They model innovation and adaptability while continuing "tried and true" approaches proven effective year after year.

Energy Trust's Production Efficiency program offers energy-efficiency services and cash incentives to all sizes and types of industrial and agricultural customers. The program provides a diverse set of custom and streamlined offerings designed to help energy intensive and complex businesses achieve significant energy savings on an ongoing basis. Production Efficiency has grown dramatically over the past five years — doubling the number of completed projects and achieving savings growth of more than 130 percent — through a number of program innovations such as strategic energy management and custom operations and maintenance.

Energy Trust's New Buildings program works with Oregon commercial real estate developers, building owners and design professionals to achieve highly energy-efficient buildings. The program reaches a wide range of market sectors offering solutions for small commercial, Path to Net Zero and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design buildings, and supports ground-up new construction, major renovation and tenant improvement projects. Based on square footage, New Buildings has served 70 percent of its Oregon market.

This is ACEEE's third national review of leading programs, conducted at five-year intervals since 2003. Like its predecessors, the 2013 report recognizes and profiles 49 exemplary programs from around the country that demonstrate best practices for helping customers improve the energy efficiency of their homes, offices, businesses and industries with improvements that lower energy costs, protect the environment and strengthen the economy.

Energy Trust of Oregon is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to helping utility customers benefit from saving energy and tapping renewable resources. Our services, cash incentives and energy solutions have helped participating customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural and Cascade Natural Gas save more than \$1.3 billion on energy bills. Our work helps keep energy costs as low as possible, creates jobs and builds a sustainable energy future. Learn more at www.energytrust.org or call 1-866-368-7878.

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