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Energy Trust awards New Buildings program management contract following competitive selection process

PORTLAND, Ore. — June 14, 2024 — Energy Trust of Oregon has awarded a program management contract to CLEAResult, Austin, TX, to deliver energy efficiency services for new commercial construction customers in Energy Trust's Oregon service areas. The new program management contract will go into effect January 1, 2025.

Together with CLEAResult, Energy Trust will continue serving commercial new construction and major renovation projects and customers in Oregon through its New Buildings program, which provides services and incentives to help customers incorporate energy efficiency, renewable energy and resilient features into new commercial structures. Eligible projects must receive utility service from Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural, Cascade Natural Gas or Avista.

CLEAResult brings an experienced team with a strong track record of meeting and exceeding energy savings goals while effectively managing costs. It also brings a deep understanding of the Pacific Northwest's new construction market and smaller regional markets, along with established connections to community-based organizations necessary to reach more customers. With the proposed market transformation strategies and comprehensive workforce development plan, Energy Trust's New Buildings program will continue to be a leader in providing the education and outreach necessary to achieve long-term success.

The new program management contract will have an initial five-year term with the potential for two optional one-year extensions. Energy Trust contracts are periodically bid out to encourage innovation, cost savings and value for utility customers. A minimum of 20% of the proposed annual value of this new contract will be delivered through Supplier Diversity Contractors, organizations that meet one or more of the following requirements: Certification by Oregon's Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity (COBID) or the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). This supports Energy Trust's supplier diversity requirements to create attractive opportunities for emerging small businesses and minority-, woman-, and veteranowned businesses to enter and grow in the clean energy field.

The New Buildings program offers training, research grants, technical services and cash incentives for commercial new construction customers incorporating energy efficient design and equipment, along with renewable energy, into their projects. New Buildings served nearly 330 sites and provided over \$5.34 million in incentives to customers in 2023. By working with Energy Trust, these sites saved 7.7 average megawatts of electricity and 260,000 therms of natural gas in 2023. Overall, New Buildings customers who worked with Energy Trust in 2023 saved energy equivalent to keeping nearly 34,000 metric tons of carbon out of the atmosphere.

Energy Trust of Oregon is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to helping communities thrive through clean, affordable energy for all. We offer services and cash incentives to help more than 2 million customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural, Cascade Natural Gas and Avista in Oregon and Southwest Washington save energy and generate clean power. Together, we are advancing a clean energy future that builds resilience, promotes equity and supports economic vitality. Learn more at www.energytrust.org or call 1-866-368-7878.

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