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Duke Energy gives Power Partner awards

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Duke Energy Corp. has announced its 2010 "Power Partners" awards, which recognize customers for innovative use of energy in cooperative programs with the utility.

Duke recognized Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools for its energy and conservation programs, which improved the system's energy performance by 10 percent since the start of the 2008-09 school year. Since 2009, CMS has qualified for more than \$200,000 in Duke Energy incentives for lighting, food-service equipment and chiller installations. The system plans to team with Charlotte-based Duke (NYSE:DUK) on LEED certification on the new Pineville Elementary School.

In addition, Davidson College was honored for the energy-management system at its sports complex. The college uses the system to manage its peak energy use and demand.

Local furniture company Hickory Chair Co. was recognized for its enrollment in Duke's PowerShare program, in which the company adjusts its energy consumption during peak power-use periods. Hickory Chair's participation prompted three other facilities owned by Furniture Brands International to adopt similar systems.

Wells Fargo & Co., parent of Wachovia Bank of Charlotte, was honored for its ownership of the 48-story, energy-efficient Duke Energy Center in uptown Charlotte. In addition, San Francisco-based Wells Fargo (NYSE:WFC) will play a key role in the Envision: Charlotte initiative, which aims to reduce energy use by businesses in uptown Charlotte by up to 20 percent in five years.

Other recipients of the 2010 Power Partner awards are: Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center of Winston-Salem and The Kroger Co. of Cincinnati.

Duke operates utilities in five states, including Duke Energy Carolinas, and has commercial power operations in the United States and South America.