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DUKE UNIVERSITY WINS NATIONAL ENERGY CHAMPION AWARD

University Wins Award for the Second Time in Four Years

NEW ORLEANS, La. – Duke University has been honored with Rebuild America’s 2002 Energy Champion Award for Universities and Colleges. The University’s Rebuild Duke University Facilities Partnership was recognized for its progress in reducing the amount of energy the university uses on campus.

John Millhone, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Director of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs, presented the award to partnership leader Jerry Black at the 2002 State Energy Program/Rebuild America National Conference in New Orleans on August 1.

Thanks to Rebuild Duke Universities Facilities, “the entire university community has become more aware of energy and environmental issues,” notes Mr. Black, Facilities Management Director for Duke. “Other campus organizations have benefited as well from the momentum and profile given energy issues. Duke Facilities Management Department strives to takes its message off campus also, through attendance and presentations at other institutions and organizational meetings.”

The Rebuild Duke University Facilities partnership is led by Duke’s Facilities Management Department. Since joining the Rebuild America Program in 1998, Rebuild Duke University Facilities has successfully completed retrofits to 3.3 million square feet of space, yielding \$1.2 million in annual energy cost savings. The energy-efficiency projects include campus-wide lighting, water conservation and heating, ventilation and air-conditioning improvements to 114 buildings. The partnership’s efforts to date have resulted in the avoidance of 11,877 tons of carbon dioxide, sulfur oxide and nitrogen oxide emissions from power plants that burn fossil fuels.

About Rebuild America

Rebuild America is a network of more than 465 partnerships that are dedicated to saving energy, improving building performance, reducing air pollution and enhancing the quality of life through energy efficiency. Created by DOE in 1994, Rebuild America serves as a tool for community revitalization and job creation in many U.S. communities.