

Press Release



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Stellar Industries, Inc. Recognized by Department of Energy as “Energy Saver” Company

Garner, Iowa – Stellar Industries, Inc. has recently received an Energy Saver Award from the US Department of Energy. The award is granted to companies who achieve more than 75,000 MMBTU total energy savings, or experience more than 7.5% total energy savings, and report its progress on schedule.

In 2008, the US Department of Energy's Industrial Technologies Program (ITP) awarded 129 plants for making significant progress in implementing the energy savings opportunities identified through a Save Energy Now energy assessment. In total, the award recipients achieved more than \$37 million in cost savings and 2.9 trillion BTU in total energy savings.

About Save Energy Now

Stellar Industries, Inc. completed a Save Energy Now energy assessment with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Industrial Technologies Program (ITP) in 2007. Save Energy Now is a national initiative to drive a 25% reduction in industrial energy intensity in 10 years. Industrial companies can participate in no-cost energy assessments and utilize ITP resources to reduce energy use while increasing profits. Save Energy Now assessments focus primarily on such energy-intensive systems as process heating, steam, pumps, fans, and compressed air. ITP is part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and contributes to its efforts by partnering with U.S. industry in a coordinated program of research and development, validation, and dissemination of energy efficiency technologies and operating practices.

Stellar Industries, Inc. worked with the Iowa State University Industrial Assessment Center (IAC) starting in June 2004 to assess key industrial process systems and identify cost-saving opportunities. By implementing the recommended actions, Stellar Industries, Inc. is reducing our nation's energy use and shrinking our carbon footprint in the near term.

“We've been working very hard at Stellar to identify ways that we can improve our energy consumption, operate under a more green mindset, and save us money as well, “ says Steve Schnieders, Manager of Operations at Stellar industries. He adds, “with the help of the staff and

students at Iowa State, we were able to identify some major savings, which in turn qualified us for this Energy Saver Award.”

David Zrostlik, President of Stellar Industries says, “I’m very proud to see Stellar as one of the few companies across the nation identified as an Energy Saver Award recipient. It truly is a reflection of our entire team being concerned about our environmental impact and saving the company money.” He adds, “Stellar is an employee owned company, so all of us feel a great amount of pride in winning this award.”

Save Energy Now Facts and Figures (as of August 2008)

- Number of assessments completed: nearly 600
- Implemented energy savings: more than \$118 million
- Potential energy cost savings: more than \$815 million
- Identified natural gas savings: 77.8 trillion Btu per year—enough energy to heat more than 1 million U.S. single-family homes
- Total potential carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions reduction: 6.8 million tons per year—the equivalent to taking more than 1.2 million cars off the road

Note: These numbers are updated monthly on the Save Energy Now results Web page at <http://www.eere.energy.gov/industry/saveenergynow/partners/results.cfm>.

Stellar Industries, Inc. Efforts

Stellar has implemented a number of recommendations identified during the energy assessment, thus qualifying for the award, and continues to implement recommendations for future energy savings. These include the following:

- o Replacing old, high wattage light fixtures and bulbs with T-8 high efficiency florescent fixtures and bulbs, Installing programmable thermostats, and installing air curtains on overhead doors to improve climate control and to limit BTU loss when overhead doors are opened.
- o Purchased 3 new air compressors sized from data collected after having a third party audit conducted on air usage plant wide and continually conducting monthly compressed air leak audits to maintain air compressor efficiency.
- o Stellar also implemented using reclaimed industrial processed heated air to add supplemental heat the manufacturing area during the heating season, and exhausts it to the atmosphere during the cooling season.

Stellar Industries, Inc. was founded in 1990 in Garner, Iowa. It is an employee owned and operated manufacturer of hydraulic truck mounted equipment. Products include hooklift hoists, cable hoists, container carriers, telescopic cranes, articulating cranes, work truck accessories and the X-Tra-Lift pick-up loading device, as well as complete mechanic service truck packages and tire service truck packages. Stellar is a progressive company that focuses on its people, as they are the key to making the products and the company successful.

For more information regarding Stellar Industries, Inc., visit www.stellarindustries.com, or call 800-321-3741.

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Save Energy Now Web site: www.eere.energy.gov/industry/saveenergynow/

- Save Energy Now recognition Web page:
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