



Leaders at the Core of Better Communities

2011 Annual Awards Program

Program Excellence Awards Nomination Form

Deadline for Nominations: March 11, 2011

Complete this form (sections 1 and 2) and submit with your descriptive narrative.

SECTION 1: Information About the Nominated Program

Program Excellence Award Category (*select only one*):

- ☐ Community Health and Safety
- ☒ Community Partnership
- ☐ Community Sustainability
- ☐ Strategic Leadership and Governance

Name of program being nominated: The City of Beaumont's Local Government Energy Action Partnership with Southern California Edison

Jurisdiction(s) where program originated: City of Beaumont

Jurisdiction population(s): 34,217

Please indicate the month and year in which the program you are nominating was fully implemented. (Note: All Program Excellence Award nominations must have been fully implemented by or before January 31, 2010, to be eligible. The start date should not include the initial planning phase.)

Month: January Year: 2009

Name(s) and title(s) of individual(s) who should receive recognition for this award at the ICMA Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 2011. (Each individual listed MUST be an ICMA member to be recognized.):

Name: Alan Kapanicas

Title: City Manager Jurisdiction: City of Beaumont

Name: _____

Title: _____ Jurisdiction: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Jurisdiction: _____

SECTION 2: Information About the Nominator / Primary Contact

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The Challenge:

With the unprecedented energy challenges resulting from increased import dependency, concerns on supply of fossil fuels worldwide, and an undoubtedly discernable climate change, it is clear that action needs to be taken. Beaumont believes in a city's duty to carefully balance the needs of its residents and businesses while also supporting a sustainable future and a clean environment. The City of Beaumont is committed to address these challenges and take environmental leadership in producing a sustainable future. In light of this commitment, the Beaumont City Council approved Resolution 2008-11, in which the City officially recognized the need for energy conservation and resource sustainability. Our challenge was to reduce community and municipal energy consumption by 20% by the year 2012.

The Solution:

The City of Beaumont is leading the "green" revolution and saving taxpayers money with our Local Government Energy Leader Partnership with Southern California Edison (SCE). The partnership, entered into on January 1, 2009, provides the community of Beaumont with vital energy efficiency information, training, and materials. The program is community-based and helps public agencies, businesses, and residents reduce energy use and expenses. The partnership provides project identification analysis for city facilities, Energy Action Plans (EAP's) and implementation of the recommended energy efficiency projects in the city facilities. Energy efficiency projects were broken down into categories including Demand Response, Municipal Retrofits and Municipal Savings by Design Projects. The Partnership also requires the participation of residents and business owners within the city of Beaumont. Municipal projects through our partnership include: lighting retrofits at the Beaumont Civic Center and Police Department, street lighting retrofit of downtown street lights to new LED and induction lights,

retrofit of the Valdiva ball field lights at Rangel Park and the installation of variable frequency drives (VFD) at the Mesa Sewer Lift Station. Residential and Business projects include: Christmas Light Exchange for new LED energy saving lights, Refrigerator and Freezer Recycling Program, Summer Discount Plan, and the Direct Install Program for businesses. All of the aforementioned community programs and municipal retrofit programs are available to the residents and business owners of Beaumont because of the City's partnership with SCE. Through co-branded marketing, education and outreach, the community of Beaumont has been made aware of these programs and is offered assistance from City staff as well as SCE's partnership team in participating in energy saving programs.

Results:

The partnership with SCE has saved Beaumont more than \$300,000 through incentives paid upon the completion of energy efficiency projects, rebates, and reimbursable items such as marketing materials and technical assistance in completing energy-saving projects. From 2004 to 2009, homes, businesses and city facilities saved almost 15 million kilowatt hours of electricity—enough energy to power more than 800 homes for a year. During this time, Beaumont has reduced energy use by 17 percent, even while it remained one of the fastest growing cities in California, with thousands of new homes built. Last year, Beaumont became one of three cities in SCE's service territory to achieve "gold" level status under SCE's Energy Leader Partnership Program Model. SCE's Energy Leader Partnership Program incentivized the city of Beaumont for every kilowatt hour saved by its municipal facilities. Since the city of Beaumont and SCE formed this unique Partnership, the city of Beaumont has received roughly \$36,000 in incentives and rebates from the utility for completing energy saving retrofit projects at various municipal facilities. By teaming up with the utility, cities, counties and communities

learn about using energy wisely and preparing for a greener tomorrow. This year, Beaumont will try to achieve “platinum” level program status, and if successful, Southern California Edison will pay the city an additional 12 cents for every kilowatt hour its municipal facilities save on top of SCE’s core program incentive. “In Beaumont, we believe in energy sustainability and protecting the environment,” said Mayor Brian De Forge. “With the community’s help, I know we can reach the next level.” To be a platinum partner, the city of Beaumont and local homes and businesses need to save a combined total of about 2.6 million kilowatt hours of electricity in 2011, which is equivalent to the amount of energy needed to power about 150 homes for a year. The city and the community will share in the challenge: Beaumont will try to save 100,530 kilowatt hours, while the community will try to save about 2.49 million kilowatt hours. With help from the community and Beaumont’s leadership role in energy efficiency, we’re poised to reach our important goal of reducing overall energy use in the community by 20 percent by the year 2012