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Idaho Governor's Office of Energy Resources

OER Announces Six Idaho Facilities to Receive Awards for Excellence in Industrial Energy Efficiency

The Idaho Governor's Office of Energy Resources (OER) is pleased to announce this year's recipients of the Idaho Awards for Excellence in Industrial Energy Efficiency. These awards recognize the industrial companies that are exceptional state leaders in implementing energy efficiency at their local facilities. For the six recipients, energy efficiency has become a source of both cost reduction and market advantage.

The OER, with the assistance of the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance Industrial Energy Forum and our local utilities, is pleased to announce this year's recipients of the Idaho Awards for Excellence in Industrial Energy Efficiency:

ConAgra Foods Lamb Weston - American Falls
Davisco Foods - Jerome Cheese - Jerome
J.R. Simplot - Don Plant - Pocatello
Pacific Ethanol - Burley
Packaging Specialties of Idaho - Burley
Stimson Lumber - St. Maries

The six facilities combined have saved enough energy to power over 550 Idaho households for a year; demonstrating that these companies have proven to be exceptional state leaders in implementing energy efficiency at their local facilities. Each company has shown a corporate commitment to reduce their energy use and environmental impact on the state.

"With the industrial sector being the largest energy consumer in Idaho, we need to aggressively pursue reasonable cost-effective energy efficiency," Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter said. "By pursuing these opportunities, we free up capacity on our transmission system, make more energy available to help our Idaho businesses expand, and ultimately become more economically competitive."

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