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Murray City School District Joins List of EPA ENERGY STAR Leaders

August 16, 2011, Murray, UT – Murray City School District is proud to join EPA's list of ENERGY STAR Leaders, an elite group of organizations that have improved energy efficiency across all of the buildings in a portfolio. To date, ENERGY STAR Leaders include organizations such as schools, hospitals, supermarkets, commercial real estate businesses, government organizations and hospitality companies.

"MURRAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT is pleased to be named an EPA ENERGY STAR Leader," said Rock Boyer, District Energy Education Manager. "Through this achievement, we have demonstrated our commitment to environmental stewardship while also lowering our energy costs."

ENERGY STAR Leaders manage energy strategically across an entire portfolio of buildings using EPA's ENERGY STAR standardized measurement tool, Portfolio Manager, for tracking building energy use. These select organizations are recognized by EPA for meeting one of two energy efficiency improvement milestones. The first milestone requires a 10 percent improvement in energy performance across the entire building portfolio, and subsequent recognition is given for each ten percent improvement thereafter. The second, known as "top performer," requires the buildings in an organization's portfolio, on average, to perform in the top 25 percent of similar buildings nationwide.

The ENERGY STAR program was introduced by EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency. Today, the ENERGY STAR label can be found on more than 60 different kinds of products, new homes and commercial and industrial buildings. Products and buildings that have earned the ENERGY STAR designation prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the government.

For more information on the Murray City School District Energy contact Dr. Pat O'Hara, Director of District Support Services, at the Murray City School District Offices, 801-264-7400; or District Energy Education Manager Rock Boyer at 801-264-7422. Learn more about the ENERGY STAR Program at energystar.gov/leaders

Under the direction of the Murray Schools Board of Education, the mission of the Murray City School District is to work in partnership with the community in the education of youth in a changing society.

*Dr. Steven Hirase is superintendent and chief executive officer of the Murray City School District;
Darrell Pehrson is president of the Murray Board of Education.*

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