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Peshtigo's BPM, Inc. Earns Recognition from U.S. Department of Energy for Leadership in Energy Efficiency

Focus on Energy helps BPM, Inc. surpass ambitious energy savings goals

MADISON, WI (October 1, 2014) – BPM, Inc. of Peshtigo, Wisconsin will be recognized for its leadership and success in achieving ambitious energy savings goals in partnership with the U.S. Department Energy (DOE) at this year's Better Plants Program recognition ceremony on October 2 at the World Energy Engineering Congress in Washington, D.C. BPM is a manufacturer of specialty papers and converted material for the food service and packaging industries. The company has participated in many energy efficiency programs with the help of its utility, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPS), and Focus on Energy, Wisconsin utilities' statewide program for energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Since joining the Better Plants Program in 2009, BPM has reduced its energy intensity by 30 percent, impressively surpassing its original pledge of 25 percent over a 10-year period. BPM has joined a small group of companies that have been able to meet this goal, and will be commended for their efforts at the upcoming conference.

"Your [BPM] efforts stand out among the more than 130 partner companies, representing close to 1,800 manufacturing plants, working with us to significantly improve energy efficiency across the U.S.' industrial sector," says Mark Johnson, Director of Advanced Manufacturing, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

When the DOE's Better Plants Program was established, Focus on Energy encouraged several Wisconsin companies, including BPM, to become a part of this effort to reduce industrial energy intensity. Eager to join the effort, BPM partnered with Focus on Energy through energy studies and project development that has helped the company surpass their goal.

BPM's participation in Focus on Energy will save them an estimated 69 million kWh and 3.3 million Therms per year. Since collaborating with Focus on Energy in 2001, BPM, Inc. has received nearly \$700,000 in energy-saving incentives by installing energy efficient compressed air systems, lighting, a pump system, and various process efficiency technologies.

"Focus on Energy is an excellent resource for BPM to develop tools and help implement energy efficiencies into our paper manufacturing," said Jim Koronkiewicz, BPM's General Manager.

"The 30% energy intensity reduction is credited to the partnership with the Better Plants Program, Focus on Energy, Wisconsin Public Service (WPS), and our employees' dedication to a successful mill. I'm very proud of our employees, especially the direction we received from our plant manager, Steve Peterich."

About BPM, Inc.

BPM, Inc., paper manufacturer of flexible packaging, fine papers and wide-web printing, achieved a 30% energy intensity reduction from a 2006 baseline.

About Focus on Energy

Focus on Energy is Wisconsin utilities' statewide energy efficiency and renewable resource program funded by the state's investor-owned energy utilities and participating municipal and electric cooperative utilities. Focus on Energy works with eligible Wisconsin residents and businesses to install cost-effective energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Focus on Energy information, resources and financial incentives help to implement projects that otherwise would not be completed. Its efforts help Wisconsin residents and businesses manage rising energy costs, promote in-state economic development, protect our environment and control Wisconsin's growing demand for electricity and natural gas. For more information call 800.762.7077 or visit focusonenergy.com.

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