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Hooper Named 2023 Dane County Climate Champion *Office of Energy and Climate Change Recognizes 38 Local Entities*

DeForest, WI (September 12, 2023) -- Today, County Executive Joe Parisi joined the Office of Energy and Climate Change (OECC) to recognize local entities leading on climate action through Dane County's Climate Champions program. A part of Dane County's Climate Action Plan is to recognize local entities that are making significant efforts to address climate change. It is the collective effort of groups like these that make Dane County's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 50% county-wide by 2030 and being carbon-neutral by 2050 within reach.

"The variety of Climate Champion organizations demonstrates that the pace of change is accelerating across all sectors," said Dane County Executive Joe Parisi. "Like Dane County itself, these organizations are leading by example. These Champions are an inspiration to their customers, their employees, and their peer organizations. This is how we spur climate action at scale."

This year, a total of 43 Climate Champions awards were presented across 38 entities. The Office of Energy & Climate Change recognizes achievements across ten categories, including:

- Building Energy Use -for entities with very energy-efficient buildings
- Building Design -for facilities still being planned or built that are projected to be very energy efficient
- Fleet Operations -for entities with a fleet powered by clean fuels
- Employee Commuting -for entities whose workforce commutes via bike, foot, transit, or telecommuting
- Water Saving Practices -for entities that have implemented practices to reduce water consumption
- Waste Diversion Practices -for entities that have strong waste diversion practices
- Sustainable Land Use Practices -for farms and land with strong sustainability practices
- Catalysts -for entities that help others take climate actions
- GHG Emissions -for entities that have reduced their carbon footprint
- Other -for entities that have taken actions that don't fit into other categories

Hooper Corporation achieved 2023 Climate Champion status for their new corporate office. The campus features geothermal heating and cooling, solar hot water, stormwater reclamation systems, and more.

"Environmental stewardship has always been an important part of Hooper's core values and guiding principles," said Hooper President Steve Lindley. "It's exciting to see so many other businesses making changes to improve energy efficiency and reduce their carbon footprint. We are honored to be recognized as a Climate Champion along with many of our peers."

To learn more about the 2023 Climate Champions, visit the [Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change](#) website and view the [full list of winners](#).

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About Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change

Dane County Executive Joe Parisi established the Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change in 2017 to further the county's efforts to address climate change. As a division within the County Executive's Office, the Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change works with local governments, businesses, community groups and other stakeholders to identify innovative ways to reduce countywide greenhouse gas emissions, consistent with the County's 2020 Climate Action Plan.

About Hooper

Since 1913, Hooper has grown to become a well-respected electric power and mechanical contractor. With headquarters in Wisconsin and regional offices in the states of Colorado, Florida and Ohio, Hooper provides a wide range of services to support commercial and residential clients.

Hooper's areas of expertise include fabrication and installation of complex plumbing, process piping, fire protection, and HVAC systems as well as the construction of substations and high-voltage transmission and distribution lines. Hooper also actively provides power line clearance and deploys emergency storm response teams around the country to help restore power to communities ravaged by natural disasters. For homeowners in the Wisconsin region, Hooper's Service Division provides 24-hour maintenance and repair on HVAC and plumbing systems. Businesses also benefit from these services in addition to fire protection options provided by Hooper's certified technicians.

The firm's Safety Empowered philosophy provides the knowledge, equipment, and investment needed to prevent harm and save lives both on and off the job site. Through its charitable foundation, Hooper is honored to provide essential funding to community nonprofits that support our neighbors in need. Built on a reputation of excellence and trust, Hooper plays an integral role in delivering the resources needed for people to live and work in comfortable, healthy environments. For more information, please visit hoopercorp.com.

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