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New Energy Opportunities for Municipalities **is the focus of major half-day** **CT energy conference** **in Meriden on Tuesday, April 3**

Leading by Example: New Energy Opportunities for Municipalities is the focus on a special half-day conference on Tuesday April 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Meriden. The conference is sponsored by the **Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM)**, the statewide association of towns and cities, in partnership with the **Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority** and the **Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund**.

The program will:

- *Introduce an expanded Clean Energy Communities program and the State's Lead by Example Performance Contracting initiative for municipalities*
- *Introduce best practices/processes utilized by Connecticut municipalities to implement energy efficiency and clean energy programs in municipal buildings*

The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. with remarks by **James J. Finley, Jr., CCM Executive Director and CEO** and conclude with a luncheon keynote address at 12:20 p.m. by **Daniel Esty, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection**

An overview of the program will commence at 8:40 a.m. Topics include:

- **Lead by Example: Performance Contracting – Municipal Initiative**, led by Alex Kragie, *Manager of Clean Energy Deployment, Marketing and Outreach, CEFA*; Steward Hudson; and Lynn Stoddard, *Senior Environmental Analyst, DEEP*
- **Expanded Clean Energy Communities Program**, led by Robert Wall, *Director of Marketing and Outreach, CEFA*; Rebecca Meyer; and Sheri Borelli, *Senior Business Development Professional, United Illuminating*

The session starting at 9:40 a.m. focuses on: **Creating Your Municipal Energy Action Plan**, moderated by Richard Steeves, *Vice Chairman, Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund*

Issues and speakers for this session are:

- **Benchmarking Your Buildings: How-To-Manual**, Bill Leahy, *Director, Institute for Sustainable Energy, Eastern CT State University*
- **Getting Access to Municipal Building Utility Data**, Camilo Serna, *Director of Strategic Planning, Northeast Utilities*
- **Procuring Clean Energy**, Denise Savageau, *Conservation Commissioner, Town of Greenwich*

-- Creating an Energy Plan, Ted Grabarz, Director of Energy, City of Bridgeport

The presentations at 10:35 a.m will assess **Energy Efficiency Opportunities & Financing**, moderated by Andy Merola, CCM Energy and Program Development Managers

Issues and speakers for this breakout session include:

- Municipal Energy-Saving Programs, Tim Simmonds, Assistant Manager, CL&P
- Financing Energy Efficiency Lighting Projects, Clay Major, Facilities Manager-Public Buildings Division, Town of South Windsor
- Implementing Energy-Saving Performance Contracting Projects, Michael Lynch, Director of Facilities, Naugatuck Public Schools

The workshop beginning at 11:10 a.m will look at **Renewable Energy Strategies, Incentives & Financing**, moderated by Bryan Garcia, President, Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority

Issues and speakers for this session are:

- Financing Opportunities and Keeping PACE with Connecticut's Energy Policy, Jessica Bailey, Practitioner in Residence, Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority
- On-Site Clean Energy Systems & Third-Party Ownership, Glenn Weston-Murphy, Engineering Design Advisor & Lecturer, Yale School of Engineering; and •Christine Epstein Tang, Director, City of New Haven-Office of Sustainability
- RECs, ZRECs & LRECs Defined, Alan Trotta, Manager Wholesale Power Contracts, United Illuminating