

Walker County to save energy dollars with Linc Mechanical project

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WALKER COUNTY, GA. — Walker County has teamed up with Linc Mechanical on an energy-efficient project for nearly 20 buildings here. The project is estimated to save the county more than \$2.7 million in energy and operational costs over the course of fifteen years.

The Bundled Energy Solutions project, which began in November 2009, will significantly reduce energy consumption in 17 county-owned buildings, as well as extend the useful life of the equipment in the facilities. Since the savings that fund this program are guaranteed, there will be no impact on the current operating budget.

“We are very excited to implement this strategic project, which will create energy-efficient smart buildings in our move towards a more environmentally-friendly county,” said Bebe Heiskell, Walker County commissioner. “This program will also help us reduce and stabilize our energy and operational costs, as well as save tax payer dollars.”

The Annex III, courthouse, jail, judiciary annex and civic center are among the buildings that will receive heating and air conditioning system enhancements, lighting upgrades, and installation of energy management controls. The project will also address infrastructure improvements to the buildings’ environmental systems that are inefficient and past their useful life.

“By significantly reducing the energy and operational costs associated with these systems, and using the cost savings to pay for the needed improvements, there will be no need to spend additional tax dollars,” said Frank Foster, Linc Mechanical’s sales manager. “There is also no requirement for capital expenditures. In short, the project pays for itself, and then some.”

“During today’s tough economic times, many facility owners are finding energy-efficient programs beneficial in more ways than one,” said Scott Giacobbe, Linc Network president and CEO. “By upgrading existing HVAC equipment and installing newer systems, buildings are significantly cutting energy costs, and at the same time creating more green, environmentally-sound facilities.”

Alpharetta, Georgia-based Linc Mechanical LLC is a member of the Linc Service Network, a growing organization of mechanical contractors with more than 150 members across the U.S., Canada, Bermuda and Mexico. As a Linc Service Contractor, Linc Mechanical follows the disciplines of the Linc System in delivering preventive maintenance, as well as heating, ventilation and air conditioning service.