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Michigan Battle of the Buildings Announces Biggest Losers of 2019 at 6th Annual Michigan Energy Summit

GRAND RAPIDS, MI—Michigan Battle of the Buildings is pleased to announce the Biggest Losers of 2019. The honorees were announced at the 2020 Virtual Michigan Energy Summit Series on November 19, 2020. The 5-week series featured peer-to-peer-styled education, networking, a virtual expo, and 20 inspirational speakers all sharing their experiences in the energy sector.

Over one thousand buildings representing 232 Million square feet of Michigan commercial real estate competed against each other in 2019 in this biggest loser-styled energy competition. The competitors tracked energy consumption and worked to reduce their energy in various ways; ranging from the education of building occupants to employing hi-efficient technology, each energy competitor has a story. There are 17 industry-specific categories including a Water Category.

The 2019 Michigan Battle of the Building competitors saved \$10.6 million in energy costs and avoided 64,391 metric tons of CO₂e which is the equivalent of 10,902 homes' electricity for one year.

“Congratulations to the 2019 winners who know that addressing energy efficiency and carbon reduction is good business.”, said Executive Director Cheri Holman “Since the inception of the Michigan Battle of the Buildings program in 2014 our competitors have redirected \$24.7 Million of utility costs back to their bottom line and avoided 200,064 metric tons of CO₂e”

The 2019 Biggest Losers:

Ball Park Floral, Grand Rapids, Retail Category, 15% reduction

Beaumont Hospital, Farmington Hills, Hospital Category, 9% reduction

City of East Jordan, Lift 2, Utility Category, 22% reduction
Comerica Bank, Midland, Financial Institution Category, 16% reduction
General Motors Grand Rapids Operations, Wyoming, Manufacturing/Industrial Per Widget Category, 34% reduction
GM Heritage Center, Sterling Heights, Water Category, 91% reduction
Harbor Churches, Byron Center, Place of Worship Category, 10% reduction
River House Condos, Grand Rapids, Multifamily Category, 4% reduction
San Chez Bistro, Grand Rapids, Entertainment Category, 11% reduction
Shape Corp, Hayes Plant, Grand Haven, Manufacturing/Industrial Per Square Foot Category, 25% reduction
Steelcase Kentwood Regional Distribution Center, Warehouse/Distribution Category, 4% reduction
Stryker Corporate, Kalamazoo, Other Category, 15% reduction
University of Michigan, 300 N Ingalls Building, Ann Arbor, Office Category, 18% reduction
University of Michigan, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, Venue Category, 15% reduction
University of Michigan, Medical Sciences Research Building 3, Ann Arbor, Health Category, 33% reduction
University of Michigan, School of Social Work, Ann Arbor, University Category, 24% reduction
West Ottawa Great Lakes Elementary, Holland, Education Category, 30% reduction

Congratulations to the 17 winners of the 2019 competition. To view short videos on each winner and hear their stories, visit the Michigan Battle of the Buildings website <https://michiganbattleofthebuildings.org/2019-biggest-losers/>
For more information about the 2020 Virtual Michigan Energy Summit, please visit <https://michiganbattleofthebuildings.org/mes2020>

About Michigan Battle of the Buildings

Michigan Battle of the Buildings is a program of the U.S. Green Building Council of West Michigan. It is the only statewide biggest-loser styled energy competition in the country. The program is organized by the U.S. Green Building Council of West Michigan along with partners including Consumers Energy, DTE Energy, Michigan Office of Environment, Great Lakes, & Energy (EGLE), DNV-GL, Detroit Lions, and Bergmann Associates. For more information please visit: <https://michiganbattleofthebuildings.org/>

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