

PRESS RELEASE: "Lights Out Hartford" Event Promotes Sustained Energy Efficiency

Hartford's skyline will show the city's commitment to energy savings when many of its downtown buildings participate in the city's second annual "Lights Out Hartford – Throw the Switch for Charity" event held during the week of Earth Day celebrations.

WHAT: Second Annual "Lights Out Hartford – Throw the Switch for Charity" Event to benefit Rebuilding Together Hartford

WHEN: Thursday, April 25, 2013
7:30-10:00 p.m.; City lights go down at 10:00

WHERE: The Connecticut Science Center

About Lights Out Hartford: In its second year, Lights Out Hartford is an annual Energy Awareness campaign to help make Hartford an example of smart energy use and conservation. **Participating building managers will coordinate a visible signal to demonstrate their commitment to the goal of eliminating energy waste by turning off their building lights at a designated time on Thursday night, April 25, currently set at 10:00 pm.**

Participating companies have pledged to reduce non-essential electricity by turning off non-essential lights and other loads overnight and on weekends. Last year, more than 1.75 million square feet committed to energy efficiency; this year event organizers aim for pledges of 10 million square feet. Pledges for 2013 include Aetna, Constitution Plaza, Northeast Utilities/CL&P, Phoenix and other iconic Hartford area buildings.

Funds raised by "Lights Out Hartford" will benefit **Rebuilding Together Hartford**, a national nonprofit organization in operation for more than 30 years, that provides free home renovations for low income homeowners.

Supporters of this exciting event include Aequitas Energy, Anixter, Budderfly, CBRE, the Connecticut Power and Energy Society, the Connecticut Science Center, Corning, Globele Energy, Icetec, Munich Re, Hartford Steam Boiler, Phoenix and Pullman & Comley, LLC.

For additional information and to register your building or organization to "turn out the lights," become an event sponsor, or purchase a ticket to the event being held at the Connecticut Science Center, please visit: www.LightsOutHartford.com. We hope you can join us on April 25!

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