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Tower Companies' Wins Three 2012 AtSite Engineer Awards

April 18, 2013 -- Rockville, Maryland – [The Tower Companies](#) won three of the 8 awards for their aggressive energy reduction plan at the 2nd Annual [AtSite Engineer Awards](#), which honors the hardworking building engineers and others who are involved in AtSite's Building Performance Management program (BPM). Tower's Director of Engineering, Jim Lewis, led the engineering team that took home awards in the following categories, "Most Night Audits in 2012 - Jim Lewis," "Most Night Audits in a Single Night – Dennis L. Gage", "The Biggest Loser Award for Largest 2012 Energy Reduction – [1707 L Street](#) – [Jim Lewis](#) and Fernando Andrade."

"The Tower Companies really cleaned up at our annual Engineers Awards and it was well deserved. They partnered with us and implemented our real-time energy management program and achieved significant results," stated AtSite Senior Engineer Justin Lee, PE, CEM, LEED AP BD+C.

"We are committed to reducing our energy consumption and keeping utility costs as low as possible for our building Clients," stated Tower's [Debbie Webb](#), CPM®, RPA, Director of Property Management and LEED® Accredited Professional.

The Tower Companies has always been focused on energy reduction strategies through tools like LEED and EPA Portfolio Manager. To achieve a more aggressive outcome, Tower partnered with DC-based AtSite and implemented the real time energy management program in late 2011 for the entire National Capital Region Portfolio. In 2010 and 2011, Tower reduced electricity usage by almost 6% each year compared to the previous year and reduced energy usage at three DC office buildings by 17%, as compared to a 2011 normalized baseline. The results are the basis of a soon-to-be published NRC Case Study authored by Philip Henderson and Meg Walter: BMS 2.0 A Case Study on Real Time Energy Management in Three Commercial Office Buildings in Washington, DC.

The Tower team was lead by Tower's, Chief Sustainability Officer [David Borchardt](#), Manager of Sustainability, [Eugenia Gregorio](#), and Director of Engineering, Jim Lewis, and the program helped the company reduce energy usage by responding to issues in real time, educating building engineers on energy conservation best practices, continuous commissioning and 24/7 monitoring of properties.

The winner of each award is chosen by a committee of AtSite's engineers and analysts from a pool of over 100 potential candidates of building engineers/facility directors/maintenance coordinators to show our appreciation for those individuals that give the extra effort to make AtSite's Building Performance Management (BPM) program a success. All building engineers/facility directors/maintenance coordinators that work within buildings and are enrolled in the BPM program are eligible for awards. AtSite annual awards provide a forum to discuss successes and challenges with peers in other organizations.