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**Pennsylvania Society for Health Facility Engineering to Reduce Energy Usage
with Support from the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund**

February 14, 2017 – The Pennsylvania Society for Health Facility Engineering (PSHFE) received a \$14,750 grant from the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) to assess and improve the current energy efficiency of 12 member hospitals, with a goal of reducing energy usage by 10% over the next two years. The program will enroll 12 PSHFE member hospitals into the American Society of Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) Energy to Care program. Each participating hospital will receive energy benchmarking and a site assessment, as well as a field report identifying lowest-cost, highest-return energy-saving measures.

Envinity Inc. of State College, PA has been contracted to use their healthcare and energy engineering expertise to visit and evaluate the 12 member PSHFE hospitals. Envinity will assess the major mechanical equipment and propose various energy conservation measures at each hospital that will help to reduce total energy usage by 10%. Energy reductions help save capital, allowing for increased investment in patient care. The energy improvements will also reduce harmful greenhouse emissions, enabling participant hospitals to positively affect the health of the general population.

"Grant funding from WPPSEF enables PSHFE to offer member hospitals a high-quality consulting service without any financial commitment," says Dan Robison, President of PSHFE. "This program is an excellent opportunity for facility managers that want to identify inefficiencies in their hospitals, but have difficulty earmarking funds for an energy engineering consultation. Money saved on energy costs can be redirected into enhanced patient care."

"WPPSEF is delighted to provide financial support to attract the national ASHE Energy to Care program to Pennsylvania. By working with PSHFE and the 12 hospitals that participate in the Energy to Care program, WPPSEF's support will have an impact on energy usage across the Pennsylvania healthcare community says Joel Morrison, WPPSEF Director."

About

The Pennsylvania Society for Health Facility Engineering (PSHFE) is a non-profit organization that is the advocate and resource for continuous improvement in the health care engineering and facilities management profession in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The **West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF)** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that invests in the deployment of sustainable energy technologies that benefit West Penn Power ratepayers in Pennsylvania. WPPSEF investments are focused in three broad categories:

- ✓ Deployment of sustainable and clean energy technologies;
- ✓ Deployment of energy efficiency and conservation technologies; and
- ✓ Facilitating economic development, environmental betterment, and public education as they relate to sustainable energy deployment in the WPP service region.

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