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Broken Bow Utilities earn Project of the Year award

HASTINGS -- NMPP Energy awarded the City of Broken Bow Utilities with a Project of the Year Award in the 1,501-5,000 population category for its LED city light conversion project at its 37th Annual Meeting and Conference in Hastings, Neb., March 28.

The award is presented annually to honor a project or program by an NMPP Energy member community that creates a more cohesive community, whether it is a project created for the entire community or one that makes it easier for city staff and employees to serve their customers.

One award is given to one community in each of the three categories based on population: 1,500-under, 1,501-5,000 and more than 5,000. Broken Bow is a member of three organizations of NMPP Energy: The Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska and ACE, the Public Alliance for Community Energy (retail natural gas).

The recently completed project involved replacing more than 550 high pressure sodium lights with more energy efficient LED lights (light emitting diodes). LED lights use about 70 percent less electricity to produce the same amount of light and last 10 to 12 times longer.

The utility estimates the LED lighting will save more than \$18,000 annually in electricity costs.

The City funded a majority of the project by securing an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for more than \$189,000 from the Nebraska Energy Office.

The award-winning communities were awarded \$200, which Broken Bow Utilities will donate to the Fifth Grade Student Energy Efficiency Detective Fun

Broken Bow Utility employees replace the city's lights with energy efficient LED lights.



City of Broken Bow Electric Superintendent Doug Staab, pictured center, accepts a Project of the Year Award from NMPP Energy Executive Director Gary Stauffer, at left and NMPP Board Chair Mike Beachler. The award was presented at NMPP Energy's Annual Meeting and Conference March 28 in Hastings.

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