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In August 2008, the Howard-Suamico School District signed Lt. Governor Barbara Lawton's Energy Star School Challenge, becoming the 25th Wisconsin School District to join this initiative. The goal through this program is to reduce energy consumption across our district by 10% or more.

We identified energy saving projects and started with a lighting project to renovate our field house lighting at Bay Port High School. Even though this building is only 8 years old, it is a large space that is heavily used by our District. We knew there was significant improvement that could be realized. In addition to the lighting upgrade, we added low voltage lighting controls to provide 8 scenes of lighting, and occupancy sensors to maximize the energy savings potential.

We contracted with US Lamp, Inc. to develop the lighting designs, bid specifications, blueprints, lighting product selection and project management. US Lamp has partnered with our District on numerous lighting upgrades, over the years, and we were very familiar with their expertise and technical capabilities. Additionally, this project needed to be "fast tracked" to take advantage of some additional Focus on Energy Bonus Incentives that were expiring. US Lamp's President, Randy Johnson, met with us in early September and by early December, the project was completed. The project was completed on time and under budget. We have received numerous compliments on the field house lighting project from community members and staff.

We are saving over \$17,000 per year in energy, received approximately \$15,000 in incentive, and have less than a 4-year payback on our investment. This project, provided by US Lamp, has contributed toward reaching our energy reduction goals, improved the appearance and function of the field house, and will save our taxpayers in reduced energy costs, for years to come!

I highly recommend partnering with US Lamp, Inc. for energy conservation lighting projects. Their expertise and attention to detail allowed this project to be completed, as proposed, with little effort required by our District. We look forward to working with US Lamp on future lighting opportunities. As a side note, our District has formed an energy committee and Randy Johnson sits as a member of this team. We are continuing to develop energy reduction projects, with the input from Randy and our other committee members.

Sincerely,

Betty Zindars
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Business and Information Services