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## Benedictine College to Evaluate Energy Efficiency Options

OVERLAND PARK, Kan.- September 11, 2012 - Benedictine College recently announced the kickoff of a three month in-depth evaluation that will identify potential energy-saving solutions that can be implemented across campus. The evaluations will cover all 24 buildings that comprise over 660,000 square feet of space.

"Being conscientious and conserving the resources that have been provided to us strongly supports our core value of stewardship," said Ron Olinger, chief financial officer at Benedictine College.

Benedictine is teaming with Energy Solutions Professionals, LLC (ESP) of Overland Park, Kansas, to conduct the energy audit. ESP specializes in identifying and installing energy conservation and facility improvement measures that save clients money and address deferred maintenance needs.

ESP plans to investigate certain key areas based on a preliminary analysis they conducted earlier this year. College representatives have also identified specific needs they would like to see addressed.

According to Olinger, the goal in having the buildings audited is to identify and prioritize energy efficiency projects that will produce considerable energy savings and upgrades that will replace aging or problematic systems, all while reducing the College's carbon footprint.

In moving toward that goal, the college's signature Ferrell Academic Center, completed in March 2012, was designed to meet environmental standards that make it the first new Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified building on a college campus in Kansas. LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system providing third-party verification that a building was designed and built to improve energy savings, water efficiency, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction, indoor environmental quality, stewardship of resources and sensitivity to its impact.

"This is a very collaborative process," stated Eric Hodge, business development manager for ESP. "We'll work closely with the people at Benedictine throughout the audit in order to develop a project that is tailored to meet their needs."

ESP is a Kansas-owned and based full-service energy solutions provider that addresses all aspects of client energy use through the Energy Efficiency Triad™- an approach that encompasses energy supply, facilities/systems, and human behavior. We remain product, vendor and commodity independent, and maintain streamlined operations in an effort to provide exceptional, cost-effective, value oriented services, or what we like to call *energy efficiency I simply™*.

Founded in 1858, Benedictine College is a Catholic, Benedictine, residential, liberal arts college located on the bluffs above the Missouri River in Atchison, Kansas. The school is proud to have been named one of America's Best Colleges by U.S. News & World Report as well as one of the top Catholic colleges in the nation by First Things magazine and the Newman Guide. It prides itself on outstanding academics,



extraordinary faith life, strong athletic programs, and an exceptional sense of community and belonging. It has a mission to educate men and women within a community of faith and scholarship.

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