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**CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE SAVES OVER \$450,000 ANNUALLY THROUGH ESPC**

POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK – The City of Poughkeepsie has teamed up with Wendel Energy Services, a nationally recognized energy services firm, in order to improve upon energy and operating efficiencies for the city. Through an Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC), Wendel is assisting the city to obtain their goals and to reduce their carbon footprint.

The City of Poughkeepsie is looking to build on previous success through EPC's with Wendel, which focused on the City's water and wastewater infrastructure. This time around, the city has set its sights on street lighting and traffic light upgrades. In order to reduce energy consumption and environmental impact, the city's streetlights and traffic signals are being converted to more efficient LED technology. The city will purchase approximately 1,500 street lights which were previously owned and maintained by the local utility. This means that by the end of the project, over 3,300 street lights will be converted in total. Not only will the newly implemented technology reduce the city's energy consumption, decreases in operations and maintenance costs will result as well.

In order to assist in offsetting a portion of the nearly \$4.5 million project fee, Wendel has been able to secure roughly \$266,000 in incentives for the city. Combining the incentives with an annual savings of over \$450,000, the project will pay for itself in approximately 10 years.

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**About Wendel Energy Services**

Wendel is a nationally recognized design, construction and energy services company (ESCO), providing services to clients across the country, including architecture; interior design; civil, electrical, energy efficiency, environmental, mechanical, municipal, structural, and transportation engineering; construction management; energy management; alternative fuels; commissioning; GIS; landscape architecture; land-use planning; and survey. The firm is headquartered in Buffalo, NY with offices in New York Metro; Rochester, NY; Syracuse, NY; Albany, NY; Minneapolis, MN; Eau Claire, WI; Phoenix, AZ; Richmond, VA; Clarksburg, WV; and Washington, DC areas.

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