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National Energy Foundation Presents Options for School Energy Savings
Oklahoma school districts take advantage of money saving programs

SALT LAKE CITY (September 12, 2003) –Over 15 school districts from around the state of Oklahoma opted to take advantage of energy education support and services offered through National Energy Foundation on behalf of the Oklahoma Energy Office and the U.S. Department of Energy. A June 4, 2003 *EnergySmart Schools In Action* session was presented by National Energy Foundation, a Salt Lake City, Utah based company, at the Metro Tech Conference Center in Oklahoma City as part of the *Rebuild America - EnergySmart Schools* initiative. National Energy Foundation has long been a national leader in providing educational materials and programs to support the lowering of energy consumption in schools.

At a time when both energy usage and energy costs are on the increase, many school districts are taking action to reduce energy costs. The purpose of this event was to motivate awareness of and opportunities for energy education, improved buildings performance, procurement procedures, renewable energy technologies, resource conservation and new building construction through a *Rebuild America - EnergySmart Schools* menu of services, products and resources. Participating school districts received assistance in the formulation and/or revision of an energy action plan. Oklahoma models were showcased and grant opportunities to introduce energy education programs and training to staff and students were presented.

Around 70 educators and school district administrators received *EnergySmart Schools - National Energy Foundation* resources, tools and support to assist in energy efficiency change and conservation within the school districts. A website was developed by NEF to aid in registration and showcase activities and pictures of conference participation. For more information on the conference, go to www.nef1.org/essia/ok/index.html.

National Energy Foundation was granted an extension of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce-State Energy Office *Rebuild America-Energy Smart Schools* contract this spring. By continuing collaborative efforts, the goal is to infuse energy education and conservation into rural school districts across the state in hopes of decreasing school energy expenditures.



Panel from Tulsa Public School District shares energy efficiency success at the Oklahoma ESSIA Conference.

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