

Bridgeport Kicks Off Efficiency Projects

The **City of Bridgeport** (CT) partnership participated in an event on October 7 that announced the implementation phase of the City's efficiency projects and kicked off Energy Conservation Month in Bridgeport. The event highlighted Bridgeport's role in the Rebuild America and ENERGY STAR® Buildings programs. The partnership used the occasion to display DOE's energy awareness materials, which was

especially timely given that DOE had designated October as Energy Awareness Month, notes **John Ruckes**, Rebuild America program representative for Connecticut.

Ruckes presented Rebuild America Certificates of Appreciation to Mayor **Joseph Ganim**, Public Facilities Director **John Marsilio**, and the City of Bridgeport, in recognition of their active support. Partnership leader **Iris Molina**

accepted a Certificate of Accomplishment on behalf of the entire Total Quality Management energy team for its role in completing and implementing an action plan. Each team member received a Rebuild America lapel pin and hat. Ruckes also presented the City of Bridgeport with an Action Plan Award. Following the formal ceremony, an ENERGY STAR® workshop was held.

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The first phase of the City of Bridgeport's retrofit plan targets seven buildings comprising 400,000 square feet. A successful lighting project in the 52,000 square-foot Health & Welfare Building has been completed. The City has also achieved significant savings with the installation of LED traffic signals.