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KJ Electric Wins National Energy-Conservation Award

Anaheim, CA—The State University of New York at Binghamton, New York State Electric & Gas and KJ Electric received the 1991 Efficient Building Award for an energy-conservation program undertaken at SUNY.

In a nationwide competition sponsored by *Energy User News* magazine, the SUNY program took first place in the HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning) category. The publication's annual Efficient Building Award is based on the overall design, installation and payback for the project.

The Binghamton office of KJ Electric did an energy audit of seven campus buildings, covering more than 1,300,000 square feet of space. The firm then made recommendations on ways to cut energy consumption. Engineers from NYSEG reviewed the plan and provided SUNY with financial assistance in the form of rebates on new equipment supplied by KJ Electric.

"We've managed to meet a fourth of our conservation goal, which is to cut energy use 20% by the end of the decade," said Mike McCabe, Energy Conservation Engineer at SUNY. "We couldn't have done it, though, without the rebates from



George Hutter, publisher of *Energy User News* (far right), presents Mike McCabe, SUNY (second from right), Ken Jacobs of KJ Electric (second from left) and Bill Wallich of NYSEG (far left) with the 1991 Efficient Building Award. The three won the national award for their work in energy conservation at the university.

NYSEG, especially since the state cut our budget."

McCabe refers to the NYSEG rebates that are part of the utility's Maximizer Energy Efficiency Program. The program is designed to help businesses cut power costs by paying for a portion of their investment in new high-efficiency equipment like motors and lighting. The ultimate aim of the utility's program is to cut demand significantly to postpone the construction of new power plants.

SUNY retrofitted its heating and air-conditioning systems with new General Electric high-efficiency motors and electronic motor controls. The new equipment is expected to reduce power consumption by more than \$120,000 per year.

McCabe says that because of the great success of the initial program, SUNY-Binghamton will expand its program even further in 1992 with the installation of more motors, controls and other power saving devices.

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