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## **Press Release**

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### **Dave Cone and Buzz Thielemann honored as Energy Managers of the Year by the Association of Professional Energy Managers (APEM)**

December 16, 2004, Portland - The Association of Professional Energy Managers (APEM) announced today that Dave Cone and Buzz Thielemann will receive their prestigious Energy Manager of the Year award for outstanding work promoting energy efficiency. The awards will be presented at APEM's Holiday Forum, in Portland, Oregon today.

APEM is a membership organization founded in 1982 as a partnership of business, government and utilities. APEM provides a forum for education and professional development for energy and resource management professionals in Oregon and southwest Washington.

Dave Cone, Gresham-Barlow School District's Assistant Facilities Supervisor and Resource Conservation Manager, will receive the Government/Institutional APEM Energy Manager of the Year award. His program has decreased overall District energy use by 37% compared to baseline year 1997-98, saving the District \$870,000 in the 2003-4 school year. Cone credits the success of the program to district-wide participation and buy-in: "Gresham-Barlow is fortunate to have a resource conservation program that is supported from the top down and embraced at every level. From the School Board to individual custodians in each school, and at all levels in between, the district has made a commitment to improving energy and water efficiency."

Buzz Thielemann, President of RHT Energy Solutions, will receive APEM's Commercial/Individual Energy Manager of the Year award. Based in Medford, Oregon, RHT is the southern Oregon program delivery contractor for the Energy Trust of Oregon's Production Efficiency Program. In this capacity, RHT's mission is to identify and promote energy efficiency projects in manufacturing facilities. In the past year, Thielemann's team at RHT have signed up 71 industrial energy efficiency projects, of which 29 have been implemented to date, saving an

estimated 10 million kWh per year. Thielemann says, “The issue we are confronting is how to meet future increases in energy demand within Oregon in a cost efficient and environmentally responsible manner. Our goal is to leverage large-scale kilowatt-hour savings in the industrial sector with incentives to implement energy efficiency projects.”

APEM’s Energy Manager of the Year awards recognize outstanding performance by professional energy managers in Oregon and southwest Washington.

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