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Area Diesel Awarded BMC Grant Funds

Area Diesel located just outside of Carlinville city limits, recently was approved and awarded Build Macoupin County Energy Efficiency Grant funds. The grant, announced in January, is available to assist businesses and commercial building owners located in Macoupin County to make needed improvements to their structures. Macoupin Economic Development Partnership administers the grant; focusing on both reduction of energy consumption and job creation. MEDP has identified energy costs as a major factor in business retention in Macoupin County. Grantees may receive up to 100% of the remaining project costs once all qualifications and guidelines have been met and approved.

“We replaced over 500 inefficient lighting units in our entire facility and we plan to add more. We put \$10,000 back into the County from the labor it took to complete the project,” said owner Val Leefers.

Area Diesel was awarded \$5,000 for their lighting replacement from Build Macoupin County. Other qualifying projects include HVAC, refrigeration upgrades and replacement of building window and doors. Businesses must be located in MEDP member communities as of October 15, 2010 or unincorporated Macoupin County.

Since 1973, Area Diesel has been working on diesel engines and fuel systems on agricultural and heavy equipment applications as well as diesel pickups. They have the Midwest's largest new and remanufactured turbocharger inventory. Visit them at www.arediesel.com.

“Area Diesel provides great agricultural and automotive components both locally and internationally. The County is pleased that it is able to one of our large area employers in whatever way possible to retain jobs and reinvest in our local economy,” said Macoupin County Board Chairman Andy Manar.

To find out if your project qualifies for the program, please contact MEDP. MEDP will determine if projects meet the program requirements. Application and extended guidelines can be found at www.macoupinpartners.com/html/grant_funding.html.

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Caption:



MEDP Executive Director Shari Albrecht along with Macoupin County Board Chairman Andy Manar present Area Diesel Owner Val Leefers and son Von a check for \$5,000 of Build Macoupin County energy funds.