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Eastern's Institute for Sustainable Energy to Sponsor Energy Forum

Willimantic, Conn.—The Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU), along with the Department of Energy's Rebuild America program and the State of Connecticut's Office of Policy Management are sponsoring "Lets Talk Energy," a Peer Exchange for Municipal Leaders, on Thursday, Nov. 18. The Peer Exchange will run from 8 a.m. – noon at the board of education office in Fairfield. The main topic that will be discussed is how cost-effective energy management in southwestern Connecticut has reduced operating costs in Stamford, Fairfield, Norwalk and Derby. The forum will provide an opportunity to share experiences, ask questions, and network with community leaders and organizations that provide energy services to municipalities.

Norwalk Mayor Alex Knopp will discuss how his staff's use of energy management and facility benchmarking helped identify opportunities to cut energy costs. Derby Mayor Marc Garafolo will describe how his city's use of Energy Star benchmarking gave them the information needed to convince city voters to consider renovating their schools. Stamford City Engineer Nancy Domiziano will explain how her city used energy management and energy accounting to identify a project for performance contracting. Fairfield First Selectman Ken Flatto will discuss how his town's use of renewable energy resources,

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including a fuel cell, photovoltaic panels and alternative fuel vehicles in conjunction with cost-effective conservation, have produced benefits to the community. Representatives from Connecticut Light and Power and United Illuminating also will be present.

For more information regarding this event, please contact William Leahy, director of operations at Eastern’s Institute for Sustainable Energy, at (860) 465-0252 or e-mail

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