BACKGROUND
A leader in energy production for 150 years, West Virginia has provided the energy to make the United States the most powerful nation on earth. Despite our best efforts to make America energy independent, we face increasing demand for the energy we produce and have ultimately seen higher costs. As our Nation looks to us into the 21st century, we must also accept the role as leader in the stewardship of these bountiful resources through greater energy efficiency.

VISION
It is the vision of the West Virginia Chapter of the Energy Services Coalition to use energy performance contracting and related cost savings to fund facility improvements throughout our school facilities, counties and municipal corporations.

PRIORITIES
We should begin to look at facility or infrastructure needs with a focus on energy performance contracting as a funding mechanism. As an example, consider West Virginia School Energy Costs which totaled $70 million in 2010. By reducing energy costs by only 10%, this would provide half the funding for Major Improvement Projects without additional taxpayer burden.

GOALS
Through the use of increased energy performance contracting, we can reduce our energy costs by 10% to 20% over the next few years. As demonstrated by the example above, this can become a source of funding for necessary improvements across our state.

STRATEGIES
The West Virginia Chapter of the Energy Services Coalition contains significant resources designed to provide unbiased information about how to approach energy efficiency projects. As the Executive Director of School Facilities and Public Co-Chair of this Chapter, I urge you to take advantage of the resources we have provided.