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Nebraska Public Power District receives national energy innovator award

Austin, Texas, June 11, 2019 — Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) in Columbus, Nebraska received an American Public Power Association Energy Innovator Award at the Association's national conference in Austin, Texas. This award recognizes utility programs that have demonstrated advances in the development or application of creative, energy-efficient techniques or technologies, provide better service to electric customers or projects that increase the efficiency of utility operations or resource efficiency. Judging criteria also includes transferability and takes into account project scope in relation to utility size.

NPPD implemented the "Pathways to a Technical Future" program to connect the STEM curriculum for students in kindergarten through college skills required for energy and public power careers. NPPD helped teachers and administrators work with local utilities, businesses, and other community members to integrate Pathways concepts into their systems. Pathways helps to increase understanding of how electricity works, how to use it safely, and how to develop 21st century skills. The Pathways project is funded by the American Public Power Association's DEED program and by NPPD's Domestic Energy Research and Application Initiative.

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