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AFS ENERGY AWARDED CONTRACT TO PROVIDE BIOMASS ENERGY SYSTEM FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY (PA) SCHOOL DISTRICT.

– AFS Continues To Provide Green Energy Solutions For The Education Industry

Lemoyne, PA (September 22, 2011) – AFS Energy Systems announced today it has entered into an agreement with Schoonover Inc. to design, build and install a biomass energy system for the Laporte Campus of the Sullivan County School District in Dushore, Pennsylvania.

The system will provide most of the heat for the Sullivan County Junior/Senior High School and the Laporte Elementary School and also provide hot water used in those buildings said Steven Gobble, superintendent of the Sullivan County School District. "I believe the system will pay for itself and (beyond that) save taxpayers money," Gobble said.

State grants of \$630,000 (DEP) and \$250,000 (DCED) have been awarded to the Sullivan County School District to help pay for the green energy system. A \$200,000 USDA State & Private Forestry Grant was previously awarded for the Sullivan County biomass energy system.

"The system will replace 85 percent of (the schools') heating oil usage with sustainably harvested local biomass," according to a press release from state Rep. Tina Pickett's office. It is far cheaper to heat with wood chips than heating oil.

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AFS Energy Systems will design, manufacture and install the entire biomass energy system. AFS will also provide comprehensive support to Schoonover Inc. and Sullivan County Schools. Mark Leach, president of AFS Energy Systems, said “We are pleased to be working with Schoonover Inc. on this green energy project. The entire AFS team is committed to another successful education project as we modernize the school district energy system for cost savings and environmental excellence.”

About AFS Energy Systems

AFS Energy Systems is a design-build engineering and manufacturing firm specializing in solid fuel / biomass combustion systems, dust collection systems, fuel storage and material transfer systems. All systems are manufactured at our facilities in Lemoyne, Pennsylvania.

Twenty years ago, AFS began providing specialty-contracting services including the installation and maintenance of mechanical systems for large-scale industrial facilities and a variety of construction projects ranging from short simplistic installations to large scale and complex industrial projects. Over the years, AFS established its position as a leader in the design, manufacturing, and installation of custom biomass fired boilers, conventional boilers, dust collection, material handling and storage, and process piping systems.

The AFS Energy Systems team is large enough to handle any job, yet small enough to genuinely care and react quickly to specific requirements. Clients receive attention to every detail of their project from budgeting and planning through design and scheduling to installation, training and start up. AFS provides field-driven innovations and the latest computer assisted technology that, time-after-time, delivers projects to a cost effective, successful completion.

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The AFS Engineering Team is composed of experienced and innovative solution providers. They work with clients to determine how the best technology can be applied to meet your specific requirements. Additionally, AFS engineers provide detailed estimates, proposals, and assistance in obtaining EPA/and State permitting. This team has the expertise to accept the challenges of difficult and complex projects. They convert problems into design solutions and turn drawings into the integrated components of an effective, efficient system. Engineering, design, and detailing are performed in-house to ensure complete control over quality. (www.AFSenergy.com)

About Schoonover Inc.

Founded in 1947, Schoonover Plumbing and Heating has been serving residential and commercial customers for over 60 years. Schoonover depends upon our long-term employees to maintain the highest level of training, experience, and quality for our customers.

Schoonover Plumbing and Heating is a self-contained unit. We have in-house engineering to meet your needs—covering every type of job from small residential to large commercial systems (including controlled environment research facilities, government approved HEPA systems, and one-pass systems).

Schoonover is a one-stop shop with the ability to install and maintain your system without subcontractors, giving us control over the work schedule and quality of all aspects of the job.

About Sullivan County Schools

The Sullivan County School District covers the entire Sullivan County, Pennsylvania, and operates Sullivan County High School grades 7-12 and Sullivan County Elementary School. The high school, elementary school, and district offices will all be located at a newly expanded campus in Laporte, PA. The District encompasses approximately 479

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square miles, and serves a resident population of about 6,500. The District has an enrollment of approximately 645 pupils and a staff of approximately 107 teachers, full-time and part-time support personnel, and administrators.

The District is committed to providing exemplary educational services at minimal cost to the tax payer and to enhancing the quality of life in Sullivan County. The biomass project helps the District fulfill its mission by providing the following benefits:

- Providing renewable energy and energy efficiency educational opportunities for students and community members
- Providing annual energy savings of over \$115,000
- Keeping dollars spent on energy within the Sullivan County economy and promoting the local forest products industry (~\$30,000 annually)
- Reducing carbon emissions
- Reducing air emissions from fuel oil combustion
- Reducing Sullivan County's dependence on imported oil by over 50,000 gallons fuel oil annually

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