



Kentucky's  
Touchstone Energy  
Cooperatives®

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## Qk4, Inc., Wins National Engineering Award For Work With Ky.'s Touchstone Energy Co-ops

Qk4, Inc., has been awarded the American Council of Engineering Companies' prestigious Engineering Excellence Award for its work with Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives using innovative technology to bring jobs and investment to Kentucky.

Employing drone technology, Qk4 gathered land survey mapping data, video and aerial images for industrial sites throughout Kentucky. Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives then showcased the data, video and images in its PowerVision initiative, using mobile apps and a web site marketed to site-selection professionals for major industrial expansions and relocations.

"Qk4 is helping to put critical information at the fingertips of site selectors all over the globe," said Taylor Kelly, CEO of Qk4. "This gives Kentucky a clear advantage in the competition for business expansions and relocations."

The data and videos developed by Qk4 are available at [www.DataIsPower.org](http://www.DataIsPower.org).

"Qk4 is a key partner in the PowerVision initiative, which has helped our co-ops generate more than \$5 billion in new investment and 10,000 new jobs in our co-ops' service areas over the past four years," said Rodney Hitch, Economic Development Director for KTEC.

The Engineering Excellence Award was presented to Qk4 and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives on Tuesday, May 7, at the American Council of Engineering Companies' annual awards gala, which recognizes pre-eminent engineering achievements throughout the world.

Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives include 17 not-for-profit, member-owned electric cooperatives that serve more than 1 million Kentucky residents across 87 Kentucky counties. They include:

- Big Sandy RECC, Paintsville, Ky.
- Blue Grass Energy, Nicholasville, Ky.
- Clark Energy Cooperative, Winchester, Ky.
- Cumberland Valley Electric, Gray, Ky.
- Farmers RECC, Glasgow, Ky.
- Fleming-Mason Energy, Flemingsburg, Ky.
- Grayson RECC, Grayson, Ky.
- Inter-County Energy Cooperative, Danville, Ky.
- Jackson Energy Cooperative, McKee, Ky.
- Licking Valley RECC, West Liberty, Ky.
- Nolin RECC, Elizabethtown, Ky.
- Owen Electric Cooperative, Owenton, Ky.
- Salt River Electric, Bardstown, Ky.
- Shelby Energy Cooperative, Shelbyville, Ky.
- South Kentucky RECC, Somerset Ky.
- Taylor County RECC, Campbellsville, Ky.
- East Kentucky Power Cooperative

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