

Press Release

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Inter-County Energy Cooperative, Ky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives Win Site Selectors Guild Projects with a Purpose Award

The Site Selectors Guild (the Guild), the professional association of the world's leading corporate location advisors, named Inter-County Energy Cooperative and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives the inaugural winners of the Guild's 2021 Projects with a Purpose award.

The award, presented for the first time during the Guild's 2021 Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida, honors individuals or organizations who have successfully implemented location selection projects that go beyond job creation to address social or environmental issues within a community.

"We are excited to present the inaugural Projects with a Purpose and Community Innovation award to Inter-County Energy Cooperative and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives," said Jay Garner, Site Selectors Guild board chair. "The Guild received many impressive submissions, and we are inspired by how these organizations went above and beyond to make a difference in Kentucky."

"As corporations and other cooperative members commit to improving the sustainability of their operations, Inter-County Energy and all of Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives have a range of renewable options to help them to meet their energy needs," said Jerry Carter, President and CEO of Inter-County Energy.

In July of 2019, Diageo North America selected Lebanon, Kentucky as the home for their new \$130 million state-of-the-art bourbon distillery. At the groundbreaking, local energy supplier Inter-County Energy Cooperative with support from Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives began discussions with the global beverage company about the potential of powering this new facility with green energy. Diageo announced in June of 2020 that their new distillery would be all-electric and carbon-neutral, making it one of the largest green energy projects in North America.

To learn more about the Site Selectors Guild Awards program, visit <https://siteselectorsguild.com/events/annual-conference/awards/>

About Inter-County Energy Cooperative

Inter-County Energy Cooperative is a not-for-profit, locally owned, member-driven cooperative providing electricity to over 26,000 members across six major counties and parts of six additional since 1937. Those six counties are Marion, Lincoln, Casey, Mercer, Boyle and Garrard Counties. Our mission at Inter-County Energy is to provide long-term valued electrical energy and services to our members through a culture of safety, accountability, innovation, integrity and commitment to community.

About Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives

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.

Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives 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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About the Site Selectors Guild

The Site Selectors Guild, Inc. is the only association of the world's foremost professional site selection consultants. Guild members provide location strategy to corporations across the globe and for every industry, sector, and function. Founded in 2010, the Site Selectors Guild is dedicated to advancing the profession of international corporate site selection by promoting integrity, objectivity and professional development. Members are peer-nominated, vetted, and must demonstrate significant professional location advisory experience. In the past three years alone, Guild members facilitated the announced creation of approximately 165,000 jobs and \$90 billion in announced capital investment. Guild membership is the highest standard in the site selection industry. For more information, visit siteselectorsguild.com or follow @siteselectguild on Twitter.

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