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UTSA's Facilities Department Receives Industry Effective and Innovative Practices Award

July 21, 2017, Alexandria Va. – APPA is pleased to announce that The University of Texas at San Antonio has been selected for the 2017 APPA Effective & Innovative Practices Award for its submission *The Development and Use of Portable Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs)*.

“The Effective & Innovative Practices Award recognizes new programs or significant restructuring to existing programs that will enhance service delivery, lower costs, increase productivity, improve customer service, generate revenue, or otherwise benefit the educational institution,” said Paul Wuebold, APPA’s vice president for Professional Affairs and the chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee. “This year’s selections demonstrate the breadth of projects that can be considered, ranging from campus energy projects to data collection methods to professional development efforts.”

Submissions are assessed on criteria measuring institutional benefit; innovativeness, creativity and originality; portability and sustainability; management commitment and employee involvement; and documentation, analysis, customer input, and benchmarking. Projects displaying a high level of innovation and adaptability for implementation at other schools have the best chance of being favorably ranked.

Other 2017 recipients of the Effective and Innovative Practices Award are: Grand Valley State University, Oklahoma State University, University of British Columbia, and Penn State University. Each of the five schools are eligible to receive a cash award sponsored by SIEMENS.

Award recipients will be recognized July 21 during the 2017 APPA Annual Conference in San Francisco.

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