

P2E2 Roundtable

August 18, 2016

Emerging Technology Applications Center, Northampton County



On August 18, 2016, the PAEP P2E2 Roundtable held its quarterly meeting at the Emerging Technology Applications Center (ETAC), Bethlehem. ETAC provides confidential assistance to businesses and manufacturers and assists them in gaining a competitive advantage by applying alternative technologies to improve heating, drying, coating and curing processes. In addition, ETAC has been helping companies, including small businesses, solve energy problems and reduce energy, materials, waste handling and disposal costs for over two decades. Organizations interested in the meeting included consultants, Scranton Army Ammunition Plant, EPA, Nazareth Area School District, Prior Coated Metals, General Dynamics, Northampton County, Tobyhanna Army Depot, Talen Energy, ACT Engineers, and the City of Bethlehem Wastewater Treatment Plant. ETAC shared information on projects that included reducing electric demand; waste heat recovery; combustion efficiency; process heating and cooling, variable speed drives and compressed air.

ETAC also highlighted their work with the Association of College and Universities in Pennsylvania (ACUP) for the benefit of the Nazareth Area School District that also attended the recent DEP Building Retuning Training. ETAC conducted assessments on college campuses to assist clients reduce their annual energy use and improve the environment.



A Steering Committee session followed the meeting to plan the November P2E2 Roundtable meeting. Plans are to keep the next meeting in the Lehigh Valley area with the topic of energy efficient lighting hosted by the Lutron Headquarters & Lighting Control Institute. In addition, discussions regarding the PAEP Annual Conference, Conference Committee, and the incorporation of P2E2 track ensued.

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The Roundtable subgroup of PAEP is responsible for planning the 2017 PAEP Annual Conference to be held April 4-7, 2017, at the Toftrees Resort in State College. The theme of the 2017 Conference is “Sustainability – It’s in the Air”. The focus will be on sustainability in all environmental media with an emphasis on air quality. The NERO OPPEA Manager and First Quality are the co-chairs of the 2017 Conference.

Acting Secretary Pat McDonnell expressed an interest in attending and speaking at the conference. This information will be conveyed to the Conference Steering Committee at the first meeting scheduled for August 31, 2016. A call for papers will soon be distributed.