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## BPM, INC. EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY

BPM, Inc. of Peshtigo received national honors for surpassing its energy saving goals ahead of schedule.

The company was recognized at this year's World Energy Engineering Congress for its success in the Department of Energy's Better Plants Program. Since joining the program in 2009, BPM has reduced its energy intensity by 30 percent, surpassing its original pledge of 25 percent over a 10-year period.

BPM manufactures specialty papers and converted material for the food service and packaging industries. The company is an active participant in efficiency programs offered by Wisconsin Public Service Corporation and Focus on Energy, a statewide program for energy efficiency and renewable energy.

BPM has saved an estimated 69 million kWh and 3.3 million Therms of energy per year. Since collaborating with Focus on Energy in 2001, BPM has received nearly \$700,000 in energy-saving incentives by installing energy efficient compressed air systems, lighting, a pump system, and various process efficiency technologies.

"Focus on Energy is an excellent resource for us to develop tools and

implement energy efficiencies into our paper manufacturing," says Jim Koronkiewicz, BPM's general manager. "The energy intensity reduction is credited

to our partnership with the Better Plants Program, Focus on Energy, Wisconsin Public Service and our employees' dedication to a successful mill."



**Jim Koronkiewicz, BPM general manager, (right) and Steve Peterich, plant engineer, accept the Better Plants Award presented by Kathleen Hogan, deputy assistant secretary for energy efficiency in Washington D.C. for recognition of the company's pledge achievement to reduce energy efficiency by 25 percent in 10 years. BPM surpassed this goal, with more than a 30 percent reduction in five years.**



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