

Lime Energy awarded contract to identify energy retrofit opportunities for US Army Reserve

Lime Energy Co. (NASDAQ: LIME) announced today the award of a contract to complete building systems inventory and energy auditing services on behalf of the USAR 99th RSC and 63rd RSC buildings through the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Prison Industries, Inc. (UNICOR). Lime Energy is currently conducting a pilot phase that will set the pace for the remaining facilities in this program. This large-scale energy conservation initiative encompasses 423 buildings for a total of 13.7 million square feet.

As part of the contract, Lime will provide an inventory of existing building systems and identify energy conservation opportunities along with renewable opportunities that together would reduce energy expenses and replace aging equipment at USAR facilities.

"UNICOR has clearly demonstrated a commitment to environmental stewardship," said Jim Smith, Lime Energy's Group President for Energy Efficiency. "As a national leader in designing and delivering clean energy solutions, Lime looks forward to supporting UNICOR's initiatives through our ability to evaluate, engineer, and implement projects that dramatically save energy and improve building infrastructure."

About Lime Energy Co

As one of the nation's leading providers of clean energy solutions, Lime brings over 20 years of delivering economically viable efficiency and renewable energy solutions that benefit communities and protect the environment. Lime's platform includes the energy industry's most experienced professionals and an expansive geographic footprint with over 400 employees at 20 locations in North America. Lime Energy's services include integrated energy engineering, consulting and the implementation of solutions that enable customers to reduce their facility's energy consumption, lower their operating and maintenance costs and reduce their carbon footprint. The company's stock is traded on NASDAQ under the symbol LIME. Additional information is available at <u>www.lime-energy.com</u> or by emailing <u>info@lime-energy.com</u>.

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