

TREEDC Member/Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero Speaks at Luncheon

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero spoke at the Tennessee Renewable Energy Economic Council (TREEDC) Renewable Energy Luncheon on August 15, 2012 at Chesapeake's Restaurant. A total of 50 interested attendees heard about the Knoxville Building Better Buildings Initiative and their success with Ameresco in making Knoxville more energy efficient. State Senator Becky Massey, University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service Assistant Vice President Steve Thompson and State of Tennessee Energy Director Molly Cripps were also in attendance. The University of Tennessee Center For Industrial Services Consultant Keith Ridley also discussed his agency's E3 initiative. The E3 Initiative which stands for Economy, Energy and Environment is an innovative program that supports manufacturing leadership through sustainability.

Mayor Rogero also expressed her appreciation to MTAS, the TREEDC mayors and TREEDC East Tennessee Coordinator/Kingston Mayor Troy Beets for organizing the luncheon. She also added that the City of Knoxville is a proud member of TREEDC helping to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy. Knoxville Sustainability Director Susanna Southerland also gave an informative update regarding her department's sustainability objectives. Stewart Shunk, Regional Director for Ameresco stated that over the past decade, Ameresco has implemented almost \$100 million dollars of Energy Savings Performance Contracting in the State of Tennessee alone. All of their Tennessee projects utilize Tennessee contractors and trades. Shunk also reviewed their energy upgrades with TREEDC members Roane State Community College, Columbia State Community College and Austin Peay State University. TREEDC is available to host a luncheon for your community. Email warren.nevad@tennessee.edu for more details.



TREEDC Mayor Madeline Rogero delivers remarks at Knoxville luncheon