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## UINTAH BASIN HEALTHCARE

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## UBH Earns EPA's ENERGY STAR® Certification for Superior Energy Efficiency

**October 2, 2018:** Uintah Basin Healthcare has earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) ENERGY STAR certification, which signifies that the building performs in the top 25 percent of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency and meets strict energy efficiency performance levels set by the EPA.

"Uintah Basin Healthcare is pleased to accept EPA's ENERGY STAR certification in recognition of our energy efficiency efforts," said Jim Marshall, President & CEO. "Through this achievement, we have demonstrated our commitment to environmental stewardship while also lowering our energy costs."

Commercial buildings that earn EPA's ENERGY STAR certification use an average of 35 percent less energy than typical buildings and also release 35 percent less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. UBH improved its energy performance by managing energy strategically across the entire organization and by making cost-effective improvements to its buildings.

"Improving the energy efficiency of our nation's buildings is critical to protecting our environment," said Jean Lupinacci, Chief of the ENERGY STAR Commercial & Industrial Branch. "From the boiler room to the board room, organizations are leading the way by making their buildings more efficient and earning EPA's ENERGY STAR certification."

"Even though this is the first year being recognized, we have been achieving these high standards for many years. As the Director of Engineering, I have always pushed for energy efficiency and would like to thank our current and past administration, board members and engineering staff who have all been on board with spending a little extra up front on geothermal heating and cooling, LED lighting, high efficiency boilers, etc. and in return we continue to reap the savings year after year which helps us keep our operating costs down" said Marlin Michaelson, UBH Director of Engineering.

EPA's ENERGY STAR energy performance scale helps organizations assess how efficiently their buildings use energy relative to similar buildings nationwide. A building that scores a 75 or higher on EPA's 1-100 scale may be eligible for ENERGY STAR certification. Commercial buildings that can earn the ENERGY STAR include offices, bank branches, data centers, financial centers, retail stores, courthouses, hospitals, hotels, K-12 schools, medical offices, supermarkets, dormitories, houses of worship, and warehouses.

"UBH has an ENERGY STAR score of 99/100 which means we outperform 99% of similar buildings nationwide. We prevent 1628 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions each year which is equivalent of removing 349 cars off the road" stated Marlin Michaelson, UBH Director of Engineering. "With recent reports of poor air quality in the Basin, we feel it is important to do our part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and preserve public health today for future generations."

ENERGY STAR was introduced by EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency. Today, the ENERGY STAR label can be found on more than 65 different kinds of products, 1.4 million new homes, and 20,000 commercial buildings and

industrial plants that meet strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the EPA. Over the past twenty years, American families and businesses have saved more than \$230 billion on utility bills and prevented more than 1.8 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions with help from ENERGY STAR.

For more information about ENERGY STAR Certification for Commercial Buildings:  
[www.energystar.gov/labeledbuildings](http://www.energystar.gov/labeledbuildings)

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Uintah Basin Healthcare is a community not-for-profit healthcare system, serving the Uintah Basin since 1944. Today, Uintah Basin Healthcare is the largest and most comprehensive independent rural-based healthcare system in the state of Utah.



UBH Engineering Staff Pictured L to R:

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