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### **LINC HELPS LaGRANGE COLLEGE EARN ENERGY STAR STATUS**

*Linc Service® Contractor Enables School to Secure Elite Distinction*

**ATLANTA – November 25, 2008** – Linc Mechanical’s bundled energy solutions (BES) have helped LaGrange become the first college in Georgia with Energy Star buildings.

Three of LaGrange’s dormitories have qualified for the Environmental Protection Agency’s Energy Star, which signifies the buildings as among the top 25% of facilities in the country for energy performance. Widely considered as the national symbol for energy efficiency in America, the Energy Star program protects the environment through energy-efficient products and practices by scoring the energy performance of commercial and industrial facilities on a 1-100 scale. Facilities achieving a score of 75 or higher are eligible for the award.

“We’ve worked with LaGrange to alleviate their operating problems, improve their learning conditions, and – best of all – reduce their energy usage, so we’re very proud to have helped them become the first college in Georgia to qualify for this prestigious award,” said Linc Mechanical General Manager Todd Pierson.

Two years ago, Linc Mechanical upgraded the heating, air, and controls units for nearly 20 on-campus facilities at LaGrange.

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In addition to its work with colleges and universities, Linc Mechanical has completed BES projects for a growing list of elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools in Georgia to help them achieve the Energy Star. BES refers to a comprehensive package of energy conservation services, provided by Linc Service Contractors, which maximizes facilities' energy efficiency and lowers their cost of operations.

“We are pleased to be singled out for both our commitment to the environment, and to the best housing for our students,” said Executive Vice President for Administration Phyllis Whitney. “Having Georgia’s first Energy Star residence halls on our campus reflects our drive to live out those commitments with our actions.”

Only 16 dormitories in the country, including LaGrange’s three dorms, have received the Energy Star. To earn it, a professional engineer must perform an audit on a building that has been qualified for the award. The professional engineer ensures that comfort and lighting levels are within necessary limits, and that ventilation rates reach an acceptable level.

“We have verified that LaGrange College is doing everything possible within its power to create an optimum living environment for its students,” said Linc’s Director of Technical Solutions Kevin Brown. “These dormitories have proven that they are more energy efficient than most others in their peer group.”

“This achievement demonstrates how Linc can serve as a valuable resource for its customers who are going green,” added Linc Mechanical Sales Manager Frank Foster. “Linc has the knowledge, resources, and proven track record from our customers, which elevates us above the competition and allows us to exceed our customers' expectations.”

Linc Mechanical is also helping LaGrange honor its American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. This initiative asks colleges to decrease energy consumption and work toward carbon neutrality by adopting green building standards and embracing energy-efficient appliances. Specifically, Linc is working with LaGrange to accomplish certain tasks, including: the pursuit of Energy Star certification for eligible buildings; recovery for water wells that will help the school reduce sewer costs; and recording the school’s greenhouse gas footprint to show a reduction in carbon dioxide gases.

“When Linc delivers bundled energy solutions for its customers, it presents a winning situation for everyone involved,” said Linc Network, LLC President & CEO Scott Giacobbe. “LaGrange is saving money by reducing their energy costs, while students, faculty, and administrators are benefitting from upgraded facilities.”

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