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CLAWSON SCHOOLS CUT ENERGY COSTS WITH LINC MECHANICAL

Project Will Save School District \$2.1 Million Over 15 Years

DETROIT – March 4, 2009 – Clawson Public Schools have approved a bundled energy solutions project from Linc Mechanical that will save \$2.1 million over the next 15 years by reducing energy consumption in multiple buildings.

The 11-week project is scheduled to begin in mid-June and be completed by early September for the start of the 2009-10 school year. Linc Mechanical will provide service for five buildings – Schalm Elementary, Kenwood Elementary, Baker Elementary, Clawson Middle School, and Clawson High School – in the Clawson School District, which serves more than 1,800 students from K-12. The scope of work will include installing state-of-the-art controls, new energy-efficient lighting, and multiple system re-commissionings.

In the first year alone, these upgrades will save the school system \$216,000. Payments will be spread out during the 15-year life of the project, which will save Clawson Schools a total of \$2.1 million. The school system will utilize the existing operations and utility budget to pay for these upgrades, thus eliminating the need for new taxpayer funding and producing a positive annual cash flow for the district.

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“Linc will be providing these facility upgrades with no capital outlay from the Clawson school district,” said Bill Maurer, Linc’s VP of Bundled Energy Solutions. “The project pays for itself using the existing operating budget. It isn’t costing the taxpayers any additional funds with literally no risk to the school district. This program is a win-win for everyone in the community!”

Overall, the district will see a 29% reduction in annual utility spending. In addition to the annual savings, the school district will benefit from an accumulative cash flow of more than \$1.1 million. Plus, operations and maintenance costs will be reduced by 10-15%.

“We’re very excited to move forward with some much needed energy infrastructure improvements to all of our facilities at no cost to our taxpayers,” said Dr. Gary Jackson, business manager for Clawson Schools. “Linc made this deal possible for us by structuring the project so that these improvements will be paid for by the savings generated from reducing our energy and operational budgets.”

Moreover, Linc Mechanical plans to help Clawson Public Schools achieve certification from ENERGY STAR, a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy that works to protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices. The ENERGY STAR program scores the energy performance of commercial and industrial facilities on a 1-100 scale, with those facilities achieving a score of 75 or higher being eligible for the ENERGY STAR distinction. Widely considered as the national symbol for energy efficiency in America, earning ENERGY STAR certification means that a building is among the top 25% of facilities in the country for energy performance.

“Maintaining and enhancing facilities is at the core of everything Linc does,” said Linc Network, LLC President & CEO Scott Giacobbe. “This project shows how Linc can assist customers in the education market with not only saving money, but also improving comfort for students and faculty. Our solutions are very green and environmentally friendly as well.”

Based in Farmington Hills, Linc Mechanical, LLC-Detroit is a member of the Linc Service® Network, a growing organization of mechanical contractors with more than 145 members across the United States, Canada, Bermuda, and Mexico.

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As a Linc Service® Contractor, Linc Mechanical follows the disciplines of the Linc System® in delivering preventive maintenance – as well as heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) service and bundled energy solutions – to the commercial market. Bundled Energy Solutions (BES) refers to a comprehensive package of energy conservation services, provided by Linc, which maximizes facilities' energy efficiency while lowering their cost of operations.

Headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Atlanta, Ga., Linc Network, LLC – ranked #130 on *Franchise Times*' list of the Top 200 franchise systems in the U.S. – is the franchisor of the Linc System, a business format for operating a commercial heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) service business. Founded in 1979, the Linc Service Network provides energy solutions to commercial building owners worldwide. For more information, visit Linc's Web site at www.lincservice.com. Linc Network, LLC, is part of The Linc Group (TLG), one of the nation's most successful, single source providers of high-value facilities management and building system services. TLG maintains its corporate office in Irvine, Calif. Collectively, TLG companies service more than 20,000 facilities in 45 states and 15 international markets through a professional workforce totaling more than 4,100 employees. For more information about TLG and its companies, visit www.thelincgroup.com.

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