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Headline

Annemasse receives the Sustainable Development Marianne d'Or for signing the 1st Energy Performance Contract for Haute-Savoie with SPIE Sud-Est

Lyon, 18 November 2013- The City of Annemasse has just been awarded a "Marianne d'Or for Sustainable Development" for its Energy Performance Contract (CPE) for services signed with SPIE Sud-Est. The award will be presented at the Mayors' and Local Government Convention at Porte de Versailles in Paris on Wednesday, 20 November at 11.30 am on the Eco-Packaging Stand (Hall 3 Stand F 81).

Concluded for 8 years, this contract covers three schools (the Marianne Cohn primary school, and the Les Hutins and Saint Exupéry groups of schools), the Martin Luther King sports complex, the Maison des Sports and Annemasse City Hall. For these six sites, SPIE has committed itself to eventually reducing energy consumption by 25% and to decreasing CO2 emissions by 29%. Starting in July, SPIE Sud-Est carried out the work on the heating, ventilation and air conditioning facilities for which it is responsible, thus taking advantage of the summer period during which the sites are quieter. To measure and check the actions for improving energy performance, SPIE Sud-Est will use the international IPMVP protocol* as a benchmark. Finally, accompanying the contract is a measure aimed at raising awareness for the city's employees of energy savings that can be made through various educational activities.

Created in 1984, when the first decentralisation acts were being passed, the national "Marianne d'Or" competition has since shown real continuity in its approach: making known and promoting through original and educational activities, good practice in local democracy. The "Marianne d'Or" thus consecrates each year the dedication, rigour, creativity, innovation and passion for local action shown by innovative local government elected officials and officers.

"Presented as "a concrete indicator of initiatives on the ground of our motivated elected officials, actively involved firms and concerned citizens", the Sustainable Development Marianne d'Or rewards the collaboration initiated between Annemasse and SPIE Sud-Est for the efficient operation and performance of the city's buildings," explained Luc Sauze, Operational Director of SPIE Sud-Est. "This award is a motivation for us to go even further in innovating to create a more sustainable city."

*The IPMVP is a protocol aimed at proving the energy gains achieved following the implementation of energy efficiency solutions. Developed by an American association of engineers, validated by the Grenelle environment forum and recommended by the Ademe and the MEEDDAT, it should quickly impose itself as a compulsory measuring tool as part of the energy efficiency process and its associated solutions.

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