

The Lund Company Earns Energy Award

The Lund Company, an Omaha commercial, investment and corporate real estate company, earned this year's J.M. Harding Award of Excellence from the Omaha Public Power District for its innovative and efficient use of energy. The Lund Company focuses on Omaha's metropolitan area and also serves the upper Midwest.

The award was presented during a luncheon on Tuesday, April 20, at the Scott Conference Center in Omaha. Mayor Mike Fahey proclaimed April 20, 2004 as The Lund Company Day.



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“Our primary role is to create value for the owners of the properties that our firm is associated with,” said John Lund, President and CEO of The Lund Company.

That has meant paying particular attention to energy costs, which are one of the highest costs of operating an office building or shopping center, Lund said.

The Lund Company partnered with OPPD to develop and finance a number of energy-related projects at various properties managed by the firm. The projects aim to improve energy efficiencies while cutting energy consumption and costs. One project replaced heating, ventilating, air conditioning and cooling systems at Terrace Plaza near 114th and West Center in Omaha, while installing improved lighting.

The upgrades are expected to cut energy consumption by 48 percent at the office complex, resulting in more than \$50,000 in energy savings annually.

“When you successfully find innovative ways to lower energy costs, ultimately you lower operating costs, and that increases the value of the properties that we manage for our clients,” Lund said.

The Lund Company Receives OPPD Energy Efficiency Award (cont.)

Other projects include major lighting upgrades at several Omaha office buildings such as the Westmark Building near 107th & Pacific and the Overland Wolf Building at 69th & Pacific, and installation of surge protection at more than 25 other commercial locations. Several other major projects are on the drawing board.

“The number and variety of projects in which we have been able to partner with the Lund Company truly shows its commitment to energy efficiency,” said Gary Gates, OPPD President and CEO. “As a result, we have been able to establish a track record of success working with The Lund Company. We expect that partnership to continue to grow in the future and serve as an example to other companies.”

The Harding Award is named after OPPD’s first president and is given annually to a large commercial or industrial customer. The Lund Company is the 21st recipient of the honor. Past recipients include Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo, Creighton University, First Data Resources, Offutt Air Force Base and Mutual of Omaha Companies.

Founded in 1981, The Lund Company manages and markets about 4.7 million square feet of retail, office and industrial space and multi-family properties valued at more than \$400 million.