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Energy efficiency: the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec congratulates Énergia Award winners

Montreal, February 5, 2014 – The Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec congratulates the finalists and winners of the 24th Énergia Awards event organized by the Association québécoise pour la maîtrise de l'énergie (AQME). Dozens, if not hundreds of engineers have contributed to the success of the 45 projects that were chosen as finalists. The winning projects were named yesterday evening in Montreal. Isabelle Tremblay, Eng., Vice President of Finance and Treasury, represented the OIQ on the panel of judges.

The mission of the Énergia Awards is to recognize outstanding energy efficiency achievements in Québec in categories such as buildings, technological innovations, industrial or manufacturing processes, transportation, integrated management and GHG reduction.

The OIQ and energy challenges

The Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec works actively on energy issues and contributes to the development of policies in this area. Last fall, the OIQ submitted its [recommendations for the Québec government's forthcoming energy policy](#) to the Commission on Energy Issues. In its brief, the OIQ reminded the government that the first and foremost objective of an energy policy is to make more economical choices, which incorporate the social and environmental costs of using energy. The OIQ was the only order out of Québec's 45 professional orders to have participated in this consultation.

In addition, the OIQ uses its publications to inform its members about these issues. The April-May 2014 issue of *PLAN*, the OIQ's magazine, will feature a special report on major energy issues. The [May 2012 issue](#) also included an article on this topic.

About the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec

Founded in 1920, the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec has a membership of 60,000 engineering professionals in all fields, except forest engineering. The mission of the OIQ is to ensure the protection of the public by supervising the practice of the profession within the framework of its constituent laws and ensure that the profession serves the public interest. For more information, go to <http://www.oiq.qc.ca>.

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