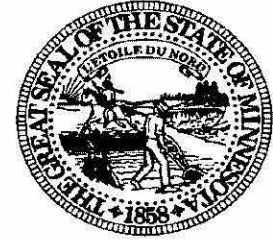


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Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State
Minnesota Public Benefit Corporation / Annual Benefit Report
Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 304A



Read the instructions before completing this form
Must be filed by March 31
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The Annual Benefit Report covers the 12 month period ending on December 31 of the previous year.
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- 1. Corporate Name: (Required) Apex Efficiency Solutions, SBC
2. The public benefit corporation's board of directors has reviewed and approved this report.
3. In the field below, enter the information required by section 304A.301 subd. 2 or 3 for the period covered by this report, (see instructions for further information): Note: Use additional sheets if needed. (Required)

See attached.

4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am the chief executive officer of this public benefit corporation. I further certify that I have signed this document no more than 30 days before the document is delivered to the secretary of state for filing, and that this document is current when signed. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signature of Public Benefit Corporation's Chief Executive Officer
3/15/17

Date (Must be dated within 30 days before the report is delivered to the Secretary of State for Filing)

Email Address for Official Notices

Enter an email address to which the Secretary of State can forward official notices required by law and other notices:

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List a name and daytime phone number of a person who can be contacted about this form:

Stacy Lenz 651.206.9325
Contact Name Phone Number

Entities that own, lease, or have any financial interest in agricultural land or land capable of being farmed must register with the MN Dept. of Agriculture's Corporate Farm Program.

Does this entity own, lease, or have any financial interest in agricultural land or land capable of being farmed?
Yes No

Annual Benefit Report
of
Apex Efficiency Solutions
A Minnesota Specific Benefit Corporation



March 15, 2017

History of Apex Efficiency Solutions

Apex Efficiency Solutions was founded in 2012 as a result of our ownership team growing tired of the way Energy Service Companies delivered renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. Our new business model has changed the way our projects are developed, marketed, and delivered.

Apex Efficiency Solutions was incorporated as a Minnesota Public Benefit Corporation on January 2, 2015.

Apex's goal is to improve the environment by upgrading the energy efficiency of buildings, reducing both the carbon emissions and pollution that is released to the environment from these facilities. The company also serves the less fortunate by helping alleviate poverty, improving educational opportunities, providing housing and addressing the exploitation of children.

Pursuit of our Mission

Regarding the period covered by this report, January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, Apex Efficiency Solutions pursued the specific benefit purpose stated in its articles of incorporation in the following ways.

Apex Efficiency Solutions works with commercial and industrial clients to improve their energy efficiency. We do that by identifying potential energy saving opportunities, and then working with them to quantify the costs and savings associated with those opportunities, ultimately implementing them and then providing measurement and verification of the actual savings achieved.

We believe that Apex Efficiency Solutions was successful in achieving the goals of our specific benefit purpose in the following ways.

In the projects completed with our clients in 2016, we saved them 432,000 kWh of electricity and 2,100 Therms of natural gas. These projects were completed at various times throughout the year. We are only reporting on the environmental impact that was achieved at the completion of the project through the end of the year. When we add those projects to the past projects our company has completed for our clients, the total energy savings are 1,770,000 kWh of electricity and over 139,000 Therms of natural gas. According to the EPA, this equates to over 1,956 metric tons of CO₂ reduction. Additionally, in the projects completed with our clients in 2016, we were also able to save them 3 Million kWh in renewable energy (Solar). According to the EPA, this equates to an additional 2,100 metric tons of CO₂ reduction.

Apex Efficiency Solutions tithed \$64,083 of their corporate profits into the Apex Foundation.

Apex Foundation:

As one of the first Specific Benefit Corporations in Minnesota, we strive to alleviate poverty and homelessness, as well as improve education opportunities and address the exploitation of children. We tithe corporate profits into the Apex Foundation to assist with this mission.

It is our goal at Apex to continuously improve the world through the implementation of fiscally-responsible and environmentally-friendly projects. Plus, we actively work to improve the community around us and abroad by dedicating a portion of each year's profits to these causes. Half of Apex Foundation's assets are used to help in the local community. The other half of the assets are used globally to help fight poverty and injustice.

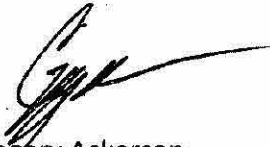
In 2016, Apex had sent 7 people on trips to work in Haiti. Each person worked in the community of Williamson for one week. In February 2016, we sent 6 people to Haiti to finish the construction of a chicken coop which is currently being used to raise broiler chickens, providing employment for local Haitians as well as revenue to help fund a local school that has over 450 children enrolled. Those on the trip also helped build a community shower at the site of the well that was dug during our June 2015 trip, taught sewing classes to the Haitian women to give them the opportunity to learn a skill that could provide income for their families, painted a beautiful mural on the wall of the school and built a memorial site (grave) for one of the Haitian workers who was involved in a fatal accident late 2015.

In April 2016, we sent one individual down to Haiti to work in Williamson for one week. While there this individual helped to build a shed/shelter that gives the Haitian workers who control the use of the well pump we installed in 2015, a place to get out of the sun's scorching rays. This individual also helped to build a fence for agricultural use and assisted in teaching a women's health class to the women in Williamson and City on a Hill.


From Apex Efficiency Solutions, we tithed \$64,083 into the Apex Foundation. The actual expenses for sending the people to Haiti to do the actual work that is described above, was in addition to the tithe.

CERTIFICATION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The undersigned, being all the directors of Apex Efficiency Solutions, hereby acknowledge and certify that we have reviewed and approved the enclosed First Annual Report.


Gregory Ackerson

3/15/17
Date


Mark S. Rasmussen

3/16/17
Date

SUBMISSION:

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the CEO of this public benefit corporation. I further certify that I have signed this document no more than 30 days before the document is delivered to the secretary of state for filing, and that this document is current when signed. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.


Gregory Ackerson

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