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Occupant Care, Inc. founder Diane E. Mills Selected to Present Paper at 2016 World Energy Engineering Congress, Washington DC

Mills paper titled, “Financing PACE Projects and Overcoming PACE Challenges with Energy Savings Performance Contracting”

Washington DC and Grand Rapids, MI – September 23, 2016 – Occupant Care, Inc., a leading provider of energy services focused on optimizing existing building environments and infrastructure to improve occupant productivity, reduce operating costs and improve the environment, announced today the selection of Diane E. Mills CEM, founder and President of Occupant Care, Inc., to present a paper titled, “Financing PACE Projects and Overcoming PACE Challenges with Energy Savings Performance Contracting.” The paper was presented this morning at the 2016 World Energy Engineering Congress (WEEC) in Washington, DC.

Having implemented about \$30M in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects utilizing the procurement strategy of Energy Savings Performance Contracting ESPC, Mills explains how ESPC can be combined with Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) to provide an attractive funding mechanism for privately-owned, non-owner occupied (leased) buildings.

“PACE financing allows building owners to overcome the obstacle of the heavy upfront investment required to pay for energy efficiency and renewable energy building upgrades. These upgrades can include HVAC, building controls, BMS, LED lighting upgrades, water conservation, building envelope such as doors, window and roofs as well as solar PV, geothermal and wind projects. By combining PACE and ESPC, both building owners and the lessee can benefit financially, provide increased comfort and productivity to building occupants and reduce carbon emissions,” said Mills.

Mills is nationally acclaimed and was awarded Certified Energy Manager of the Year, Region III in 2014 by WEEC. Several of Mills’ projects have received Economic Leadership in Energy Efficiency awards given jointly by the Michigan Economic Development Corp and the Michigan Chapter of the Energy Services Coalition.

About Occupant Care, Inc.

Occupant Care, Inc., a leading provider of energy services focused on optimizing existing building environments and infrastructure to improve occupant productivity, reduce operating costs and improve the environment. Occupant Care provides consulting, design, implementation and assistance to building owners and occupants to identify financially feasible energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades and identifying potential lending sources such as PACE, private funding, commercial loans and QECB (Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds). Headquarters are near Grand Rapids, MI. For more information, please visit www.occupantcare.com.

