



## Michigan Science Center Partners with Detroit Thermal

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### *Michigan Public Service Commission Approves Science Center's Agreement with Detroit's Renewable Energy Steam Network*

**Detroit, MI, June 3, 2013** - The Michigan Science Center received approval Wednesday from the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) for Detroit Thermal (DT), owner and operator of the Detroit district steam system, to continue providing renewable energy to the science center. DT's energy-efficient technology will allow the science center to focus on its operational needs without diverting resources to maintain onsite heating systems. This technology, along with DT's dependability, made DT the ideal candidate to serve the science center into the future, with a three-year contract.

"We are proud to announce our partnership with Detroit Thermal," said Jim Issner, Michigan Science Center's executive director. "As one of Detroit's cultural touchstones, the Michigan Science Center is committed to the intelligent revitalization of our city. By engaging Detroit Thermal, we are working alongside an organization that shares our long-term goals for the region. This partnership will allow the science center to become more efficient in its operations by employing clean, safe steam energy from renewable resources."

Detroit Thermal's steam distribution system has been in operation since 1903 and has provided the science center with district energy since it moved downtown in 1978. Leadership of the (then-named) Detroit Science Center felt innovative district energy aligned well with the dynamic building design and sense of community responsibility first established by master architect William Kessler. During the facility's downturn, DT worked actively with the transition team to protect its assets.

"We are committed to the revitalization of Detroit and applaud those businesses that are investing in this city's future," said Rick Pucak, president of Detroit Thermal. "The Michigan Science Center is one of many local businesses that sees the benefit of renewable energy and is willing to act on this commitment as a real and tangible example of the center's 'Green Community' exhibit."

As a key component of Detroit's energy infrastructure and economic renewal, DT now serves more than 145 buildings throughout the developing area. This agreement will also further DT's goal to bring sustainable and meaningful economic opportunities to the city of Detroit.



### **About Detroit Thermal LLC**

Detroit Thermal LLC, acquired by Detroit Renewable Energy LLC ([www.detroitrenewable.com](http://www.detroitrenewable.com)) in 2010, provides cost-effective, environmentally friendly energy to more than 145 buildings throughout downtown Detroit via steam primarily produced from renewable energy sources. Its extensive “district energy” system provides safe, reliable energy allowing building owners to eliminate boilers and furnaces and focus their resources on their core business. [www.detroitthermal.com](http://www.detroitthermal.com)

### **About Detroit Renewable Energy LLC**

Detroit Renewable Energy LLC ([www.detroitrenewable.com](http://www.detroitrenewable.com)) is the holding company formed in 2010 for the independent operations of Detroit Thermal, LLC ([www.detroitthermal.com](http://www.detroitthermal.com)); Detroit Renewable Power LLC ([www.detroitrenewablepower.com](http://www.detroitrenewablepower.com)), operator of the Detroit energy-from-waste plant; and Hamtramck Energy Services LLC ([www.hamtramckenergy.com](http://www.hamtramckenergy.com)), operator of private steam plants at five General Motors facilities.

### **About The Michigan Science Center**

The Michigan Science Center is a hands-on museum that inspires children and their families to discover, explore and appreciate science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The Science Center features five theaters, including Michigan’s largest screen at the Chrysler IMAX® Dome Theatre; the Dassault Systèmes Planetarium; the Toyota Engineering Theater; the DTE Energy Sparks Theater; the Chrysler Science Stage; a 9,800-square-foot Science Hall for traveling exhibits; hands-on exhibit galleries focusing on space, life and physical science; Kidstown just for pint-size scientists; and education and outreach programs. For more information, please call 313.577.8400 or visit the website, <http://www.michigansciencecenter.org>.

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