

Manufacturers make pact to improve energy efficiency

April 22 -- The National Association of Manufacturers and the U.S. EPA have signed a memorandum of understanding to collaborate on improving the energy efficiency of U.S. manufacturers.

NAM and the EPA said they plan to boost energy efficiency among manufacturers by 10 percent, which would be significant because manufacturers use nearly a third of the energy consumed in the United States.

"If the manufacturing industry reduced its energy use by 10 percent, manufacturers would save nearly \$10.4 billion and enough energy power nearly 10 million American homes for one year," said John Engler, NAM president and CEO.

To reach the reduction goal, NAM plans to ask more than 100,000 corporations of all sizes to participate in the EPA's Energy Star Challenge, a voluntary, market-based program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency. Meanwhile, the EPA agreed to support NAM members in developing and refining companywide energy management programs.

The memorandum of understanding is available [online](#).