



2013 Department of Energy Solar Decathlon Competition Comes to an End

The 2013 U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon Competition came to an end on October 13th. The DOE challenged collegiate teams to design, build and operate solar-powered houses that are cost-effective, energy-efficient and attractive. In celebration of our 80th Anniversary, HD Electric Company was proud to sponsor and underwrite the electrical power system for finalist Middlebury College's InSite project.



Middlebury's InSite Home - Image Credit: Stefano Paltera/U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon

After two years of hard work from 19 schools, a winner was chosen that best blended affordability, consumer appeal, and design excellence with optimal energy production and maximum efficiency. We congratulate all the participants for their outstanding effort in every contest.

Middlebury College placed 8th in the Solar Decathlon Competition and 3rd overall in the Affordability, Communications and Home Entertainment categories. They achieved full points in Energy Balance and Hot Water. At the same time they placed in the TOP 10 for all other contests.

For eighty years, HDE's mission has been to design and manufacture products to manage and deliver electric power safely and efficiently. As an innovator of solutions for electric power, HDE applauds Team Middlebury and the Department of Energy on this event which inspires new pathways for sustainable living.

Visit HDE's website for more information on Team Middlebury's results and the U.S. DOE Solar Decathlon – www.HDElectricCompany.com.