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**TOTO's Morrow Manufacturing Plant Garners Prestigious
EPA Green Power Leadership Award**

***The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Award Honors
TOTO USA for Excellence in Green Power Use***

(Morrow, GA) October 31, 2017 — TOTO, the world's largest plumbing manufacturer with more than \$4.9 billion in annual sales, announced today that its Morrow Manufacturing Plant has been awarded a 2017 Green Power Leadership Award from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA presented Bill Strang, President of Operations and eCommerce for TOTO USA, with its Excellence in Green Power Use Award at the 2017 Renewable Energy Markets Conference in New York, NY, on October 23, 2017.

The EPA's annual awards recognize America's leading sustainable power users for their commitment and contribution to helping advance the development of the nation's voluntary green power market. The



Carolyn Snyder, Director of the U.S. EPA's Climate Protection Partnerships Division, presents Bill Strang, TOTO USA's President of Operations and eCommerce, with its 2017 Green Power Leadership Award. TOTO runs 100% of its Morrow plant's operations with nearly 12 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power, the equivalent of more than 1,000 average American homes' electricity use per year.

program recognizes EPA Green Power Partners who distinguish themselves by demonstrating leadership in procuring green power from a utility green power product, a power purchase agreement, or a renewable energy certificate (REC) product.

TOTO's Morrow plant is one of only eight organizations nationwide to receive an Excellence in Green Power Use Award. TOTO USA currently purchases nearly 12 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power annually for use at its Morrow plant, which is enough green power to meet 100-percent of the facility's electricity use.

According to the EPA, TOTO's Morrow plant's current green power use of nearly 12 million kWh is equivalent to the electricity use of more than 1,000 average American homes annually.

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“We are honored to receive this prestigious leadership recognition from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,” said Strang. “Purchasing green power helps our organization become more sustainable, while also sending a message to others across the United States that supporting green power is a sound business decision that can help reduce air pollution and other emissions.”



The seven additional recipients of this year’s EPA Excellence in Green Power Use Award include Capital One, Clif Bar & Company, Equinox,

Inc., Google, Microsoft, the University of California, and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Green power is electricity that is generated from environmentally-preferable renewable resources, such as wind, solar, geothermal, biogas, eligible biomass, and low-impact hydro. Using green power helps accelerate the development of these sources in the United States and advance the American green power market.

TOTO USA purchases its green power from Georgia Power. Its new Simple Solar program enables customers to support and foster the growth of solar energy by enabling Georgia Power to purchase Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) generated from solar energy resources and retire them on the customer's behalf.

“Georgia Power is proud to offer innovative energy solutions for customers of all sizes and across many industries,” said Wilson Mallard, Director of Renewable Development for Georgia Power. “We commend TOTO USA for their longstanding involvement in our renewable energy programs and for illustrating how renewable energy can help companies meet sustainability and overall business goals.”

In addition to its new Green Power Leadership Award, TOTO USA is the only plumbing manufacturer honored with the EPA’s Water Efficiency Leader Award, an award given to those organizations that foster an ethic of water conservation in the U.S. In giving this award, the EPA and its panel of nationally recognized water efficiency experts lauded TOTO for its outstanding leadership and innovation in water-efficient product development, sustainable manufacturing processes, and water conservation advocacy.

TOTO USA’s sustainability initiatives have also garnered former Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue’s Water Conservation Leadership Award, the Argon Award, the City of Atlanta Phoenix Award, and the Chattahoochee Riverkeeper's Sustainability Award.

Journalist’s Note: As with all TOTO initiatives, a high-resolution digital image of the Awards Ceremony and the EPA Green Power Leadership Award logo are immediately available upon request.

About TOTO

TOTO USA is headquarters for the Americas Division of the TOTO Global Group, which was established in 1917 with the founding of TOTO, Ltd., in Kitakyushu, Japan. TOTO is the world’s largest manufacturer of bathroom fixtures and fittings with \$4.9 billion dollars in annual sales. For the past 100 years, TOTO

has been the recognized leader in innovation, technology, performance, and design with products that enhance the luxury bathroom experience. Today, the company maintains 28,100 employees in 20 countries and owns manufacturing facilities around the world in countries as diverse as Japan, Mexico, Germany, the USA, India and China. Guided by its corporate philosophy, the TOTO Global Group strives to create a great company, trusted by people all around the world, which contributes to the betterment of society. With three centers devoted to research and development, TOTO is dedicated to engineering products that respect the environment while meeting people's needs for comfort, beauty and performance. Consumers enjoy the peace of mind that comes from knowing they purchased a brand that innovates to improve people's quality of life. Winner of numerous domestic and international awards and recognitions, TOTO is the only plumbing manufacturer honored as Water Efficiency Leader by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The company continues to raise industry standards and consumer expectations as to what is possible in the bath space, as TOTO believes a high-quality bathroom is an experience and an everyday luxury people value and appreciate.

For more information, consumers may visit www.totousa.com or call 1.888.295.8134, Option 5. Follow TOTO on Twitter ([@TOTOUSA](https://twitter.com/TOTOUSA)) and become a [TOTO fan](#) on Facebook.

About EPA's Green Power Partnership

The Green Power Partnership is a voluntary program that helps increase green power use among U.S. organizations to advance the American market for green power and development of those sources as a way to reduce air pollution and other environmental impacts associated with electricity use. The Partnership currently has more than 1,400 Partners voluntarily using more than 43 billion kilowatt-hours of green power annually. Partners include a wide variety of leading organizations such as Fortune 500[®] companies; small and medium sized businesses; local, state, and federal governments; and colleges and universities. For additional information, please visit www.epa.gov/greenpower.

About the Green Power Leadership Awards

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) co-sponsors the annual Green Power Leadership Awards with the Center for Resource Solutions. EPA recognizes winners in the following awards categories: Green Power Partner of the Year; Sustained Excellence in Green Power; Direct Project Engagement; Excellence in Green Power Use; and Green Power Community of the Year. This program recognizes the exceptional achievement among EPA Green Power Partners who distinguish themselves through green power procurement, market leadership, overall green power strategy, and overall impact on the green power market. The ceremony takes place at the Renewable Energy Markets Conference. This year's 19 recipients are using more than 13.4 billion kWh of green power—enough to power more than 1.2 million average American homes for a year. For additional information please visit www.epa.gov/greenpower/green-power-leadership-awards.

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