

ABC Projects receive statewide awards, recognition

It was a landmark week for the Chisago Lakes America's Best Communities Project as ABC Projects twice earned statewide recognition.

Minnesota High Tech Association Tekne Awards

On Nov. 16, a van loaded with Chisago Lakes ABC team members traveled to the Minneapolis Convention Center. There, they rubbed elbows with some of the state's most influential business, educational and government leaders at the Minnesota High Tech Association Tekne Awards. Each year, the Tekne Awards shine a spotlight on Minnesota's science and technology community by honoring innovation in the areas of advanced manufacturing, information and life sciences.

The Chisago Lakes ABC Project was one of three finalists in the area of Collaboration for Community Impact. This category recognizes a collaboration that demonstrates leadership, dedication and excellence in delivering an innovation in technology to Minnesota while meeting an unmet community need. While the ABC Project did-

n't win the top prize, attendees said they were honored to be one of three finalists for the award, and to be recognized as one of Minnesota's leaders in technology innovation.

Dept. of Commerce Minnesota Clean Energy Award

As if one award wasn't enough, the Minnesota Department of Commerce last week honored the Chisago Clean Energy Hub for "regional planning efforts to promote clean energy."

The Chisago Lakes Clean Energy Hub is a joint initiative of the Chisago Lakes Chamber of Commerce, the Chisago County HRA-EDA and the America's Best Communities committee. The Hub helps property owners throughout the energy conservation process, which often begins with an energy efficiency audit.

Before the snow flies, sign up for a low-cost home energy audit

Once again, the Chisago Clean Energy Hub is making home energy efficiency audits even more affordable. Sign up now and save \$50 off the original \$120 cost. For a limited-time fee of



\$70, homeowners can have a comprehensive energy audit and receive energy-saving goods and services valued at \$120. This includes energy efficient light bulbs installed throughout the house, weather stripping of exterior doors, a blanket for the water heater, and a scan to detect areas of heat loss.

If you're also interested in solar energy, the Clean Energy Hub offers free solar energy assessments to both homes and businesses, and all businesses qualify for a free energy efficiency assessment. Signing up is easy. Just go to chisago.cleanenergyhub.us, or call Jacob at Eutectics, 651-353-5760.



