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DTE Energy Joins Effort to Support Townships Through MTA Keystone Club

LANSING—**DTE Energy**, with headquarters in Detroit, has become the newest Keystone Club participant in the **Michigan Townships Association Allied Service Provider** program. As part of the *Keystone Club*, the \$2,000 investment by DTE Energy will be used to improve the overall effectiveness of township government through more productive business practices, better education, and enhanced communications.

“There is much that can be gained from enhancing the relationship between townships and the businesses that serve them,” said **Don R. Hilton, Sr.**, president of the Michigan Townships Association. “We are delighted to have DTE Energy on board as a Keystone Club member in our Allied Service Provider program.”

DTE Energy is a diversified energy company, which is involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide. DTE Energy’s largest operating subsidiaries are Detroit Edison—an electric utility serving 2.1 million customers in Southeastern Michigan, and MichCon—a natural gas utility serving 1.2 million customers in Michigan. Information about DTE Energy is available at www.dteenergy.com.

“DTE Energy has a long history of being involved in townships throughout the state,” noted Carla A. Gribbs, regional manager for DTE Energy. “We are committed to being a good corporate citizen and to working with township officials. The company helps townships solve their energy-related problems, provides economic development assistance and makes contributions through the DTE Energy Foundation, among other things.”

MTA’s Allied Service Provider program has three levels of participation: President’s Round Table (\$10,000), Leadership Circle (\$5,000), and Keystone Club (\$2,000). Although participation in the Allied Service Provider program does *not* constitute or imply MTA’s endorsement of a company, or its products or services, those enrolled in the program are expected to maintain good business practices and operate in an ethical manner.

The Michigan Townships Association is the exclusive legislative and public advocate for Michigan’s 1,242 townships and is the foremost source of quality education and information for Michigan’s elected and appointed township officials. For more information about MTA’s Allied Service Provider program, visit www.michigantownships.org.

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