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Ron Willhite is the Director of the School Energy Managers Project which was initiated by the Kentucky School Boards Association in 2010 to assist districts in managing energy costs that are significantly affecting school budgets. Since 2010 Kentucky public school districts have captured over \$120 million in energy cost savings and increased its ENERGY STAR certified schools from 12 to 389, ranking Kentucky 3rd in the nation as a percentage of K-12 schools being certified. Mr. Willhite is a 1969 graduate of the University of Kentucky's College of Engineering with a BSEE in Electrical Engineering. He has been active over the years in many community affairs including the Scott County Board of Education until 1998 where he served as Chair for six years.

Mr. Willhite's career spans nearly fifty years in the electric and gas utility industry. His career began with Kentucky Utilities Company in 1968 and continued until retirement in December 2001. Mr. Willhite held numerous positions at Kentucky Utilities and Louisville Gas & Electric Companies prior to his retirement including Vice-President of Rates and Regulatory Affairs for LG&E and KU and Vice-President of Regulation and Economic Planning for KU. Among his responsibilities were the development of integrated resource plans, comprehensive analysis of energy management alternatives, tariff design and administration, sales and revenue forecasts and market research. He has testified on numerous matters and occasions before the Kentucky Public Service Commission, Virginia State Corporation Commission and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.