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Spindletop Center Partners with Mitsubishi to Upgrade Facility HVAC Systems

Keeping environmental efficiency improvements at forefront of facility operations

BEAUMONT, TX – Having recently renovated, remodeled and upgraded the Smith building on the North Campus of its Beaumont location, Spindletop Center aims to keep fundamental operations a top priority for the organization. On any given day, you will find the Center diligently working to ensure that clients receive the highest quality services, which includes maintaining efficient HVAC systems that provide optimal cooling environments for both employees and those they serve.

“When we say it takes a team to make Spindletop Center what it is, we truly mean that. Every person, from direct care workers and front-line staff to administrative teams and facility operations, work tirelessly in their respective areas of the organization to ensure our clients are taken care of to the best of our abilities,” said Holly Borel, Chief Executive Officer at Spindletop Center.

During the building remodel Spindletop Center made a strategic decision to upgrade its HVAC system. After thorough research, a cutting-edge, energy-efficient Mitsubishi system was chosen to be installed. Widely used in Japan for years, it has only recently made significant inroads into the American market. “Its ability to allow individual users to control the temperature in their offices and classrooms, combined with its energy-saving potential, made it the perfect fit for our needs,” says Wayne Hill, Director of Facilities for Spindletop Center. The model is so efficient that when Spindletop Center modified the lighting to LED and the FRV system, they now are only using 400 of the 2000-amp service.

Recently the Center was contacted by a Mitsubishi representative in Atlanta, Georgia who expressed interest in visiting the site to see the system in action and discuss its performance.

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What Spindletop Center did not expect was the level of attention and expertise they would bring with them.

Teams from Mitsubishi's Atlanta office, along with four additional team members from Mitsubishi's headquarters in Japan made a visit to Beaumont, Texas. Among them was a distinguished engineer who designed one of the key motors used in this system allowing the Spindletop Center team the opportunity to meet the mind behind such a significant piece of technology.

This experience was more than just a meeting—it was a rare opportunity to connect with the people behind the technology that helps power the daily operations at the Center. It underscored the importance of collaboration between end-users and manufacturers and showed how shared feedback can drive innovation. It was a day that highlighted the intersection of innovation, collaboration, and global expertise—an experience Spindletop Center is excited to share with its community.

"We're proud to have been part of such a meaningful exchange and excited about the potential improvements this dialogue brings—not just for us, but for others adopting this technology," says Hill. "As we continue to make choices that support sustainability, efficiency, and user comfort, it's partnerships and moments like these that remind us why we strive to innovate and adapt."

Here's to building a better, more efficient future—one system at a time!

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Spindletop Center is a non-profit healthcare organization specializing in behavioral healthcare, programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and substance use services for each stage of life. Our Center serves more than 16,000 people annually throughout Jefferson, Hardin, Orange, Jasper and Chambers counties and has campuses in Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange and Silsbee. We promote healthy living in our community through innovative and best-practice options that meet the unique needs of every family.

The mission of the Spindletop Center is to help people help themselves by providing resources and support.

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