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Celebrating Our Profession!

It is my pleasure to present you with the 4th edition of the Property Management Newsletter. In this edition of the newsletter, we will be focusing on our profession and some of the important initiatives recently accomplished or currently underway in the Department. One of the purposes of the newsletter is to share information on what's going right in our profession, offering readers opportunities to learn from their peers. So, consider writing an article that addresses property management and send it to us for publication in the next edition.

I hope you enjoy reading about the good work being accomplished by our dynamic property management professionals.

Thank you,

Jerry Hanley

What ever happened to the Defense Industrial Plant Equipment Center?

During a span of more than 30 years (1963 – 1994), the Defense Industrial Plant Equipment Center located in Memphis, TN, provided a service to the US taxpayer by maintaining a reserve and redistributing certain equipment to the military services and other government agencies. As of 1994, functions were transferred to the Defense General Supply Center, Richmond, VA, now known as the Defense Supply Center Richmond (DSCR). The DSCR organization that now provides some services previously offered by DIPEC is the Industrial Machinery Division.

The Industrial Plant Equipment Division delivers a full range of industrial plant equipment (IPE) to all Federal Government Agencies as well as the following services:

Acquisition support Maintenance service Project Management Ready for issue program IPE Disposal Contact the Defense Supply Center Richmond, (804) 279-5909 or at <u>www.dscr.dla.mil/ipe</u>. For more information regarding this article, please contact Fran Sutton at (202) 287-1562, or by email at <u>fronzetta.sutton@hq.doe.gov</u>

2007 Federal Electronics Reuse and Recycling Challenge To Be Announced

The Office of the Federal Environmental Executive is anticipated to announce that the 2007 Federal Electronics Reuse and Recycling Challenge (FERRC) will begin on America Recycles Day, November 15th 2006, and conclude on March 15, 2007. Federal facilities and agencies will receive White House recognition during Earth Day next April for recycling the most pounds of end of life electronics during the four month period.

Department of Energy leaders were presented the FERRC Outstanding Agency Award for the 2006 Challenge, as eleven DOE sites reused and recycled more than a half million pounds of excess electronics, outpacing fifteen other federal agencies. DOE site property managers joined with pollution prevention coordinators and other staff in an intensive effort to organize, measure, and report recycling efforts for last winter's campaign.

The Kansas City Plant and Waste Isolation Pilot Plant won their FERRC regional facility awards. Two additional sites, Lawrence Livermore and Brookhaven National Laboratories, set regional recycling records as well. All eleven facilities received copies of the Outstanding Agency Award in recognition of their contributions.

DOE participation will be coordinated by the Office of Pollution Prevention and Resource Conservation, EH-43. For more information, contact FERRC coordinators Jeff Eagan, jeff.eagan@eh.doe.gov, or Al Sikri, atam.sikri@eh.doe.gov. Registration forms will be posted this fall on the Federal Electronics Challenge website, <u>www.federalelectronicschallenge.net</u>

Fleet Management

There has been concern within the Department with respect to maintaining an efficient and effective vehicle utilization program. Deputy Secretary Clay Sell recently sent a memorandum to the Under Secretaries requesting that they review their fleet utilization programs to ensure that measures are in place to identify, dispose, or reassign all under-utilized vehicles. Mr. Sell also requested that they report back to him with the number of under-utilized vehicles identified and their disposition plan.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-11 data call with respect to fleet management was issued in July. The only change to this year's reporting requirement is for agencies to report the average age of their fleets by vehicle type. However, this requirement applies only to agency-owned vehicles, not GSA or commercially leased. All data must be submitted to OMB no later than August 25, 2006.

The FAST data call will begin on October 2, 2006. Telephonic training





will be scheduled sometime in September for all FAST users. Fleet managers will be notified with the specific date and time in early September.

For more information on fleet management, please contact Helene Mattiello on 202-287-1593 or at <u>helene.mattiello@hq.doe.gov</u>.

Why Not use Excess as your First Source of Supply?

Federal agencies are mandated to the maximum extent possible, to check agency excess personal property prior to purchasing new. According to General Services Administration (GSA), managers who acquire excess personal property save hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars annually. There are positive benefits to be realized. First, transfers within agencies are normally made without charge for the property. By comparison, transportation costs verses acquisition costs and transportation costs should prove to be very appealing to an agency in today's tight financial environment. Second, title remains with the owning agency for internal transfers and within the government for transfers made between federal agencies.

In Fiscal Year 2005, less than 1% of DOE assets reported in the Energy Asset Disposal System (EADS) were re-utilized within the Department. Fifty-one percent of DOE assets reported in EADS were sent to GSAXcess and of that 51%, only 16% were transferred to other federal, state or nonprofit agencies.

By checking excess as your first source of supply, you are adhering to federal mandates and saving the government money. Ask to be included in any pre-acquisition planning activities for supplies. Report your excess in EADS accurately with the best description possible. Remember that requirements change daily. A like asset that was not "frozen" today may be tomorrow's requirement, so be sure to report all your excess assets to maximize visibility and re-utilization within the Department.

For more information on re-utilization, please contact Beth Neely on 202-287-1369 or at <u>beth.neely@hq.doe.gov</u>.

The Property Newsletter is published by MA-632. Our goal is to provide property management personnel with information on current events and improve communications within our line of business. We encourage all constructive comments and recommendations on how to better serve our customers. Information and articles for publications are welcome and should be sent to Beth by e-mail at <u>beth.neely@hq.doe.gov</u>.

For additional information on property management, visit our website often at http://professionals.pr.doe.gov/ma5/ma-5web.nsf/?Open

