

SUSTAINABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPO Sustainability Dashboard to be Presented During 2016 Energy Exchange

During the [2016 Energy Exchange](#), the Sustainability Performance Office (SPO) will be relaunching its latest version of the [DOE Sustainability Dashboard](#). Originally released in October 2014, the Dashboard is a web-hosted database used to collect and analyze sustainability performance data on behalf of the Department.

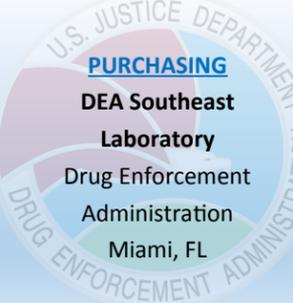
The Dashboard allows individual DOE offices, facilities, and laboratories to record their sustainability data and provides analytics to help manage sustainability at their site or within their program. The Dashboard has added many new pages to report on building status towards the energy intensity goal, EISA Section S432 covered buildings and metering, climate resilience, funding, training, and site-level policies. It also pulls green buildings data from Facilities Information Management System (FIMS) and fleet mileage from Federal Automotive Statistical Tool (FAST).

At the 2016 Energy Exchange, the SPO will be presenting an overview of the Sustainability Dashboard functionality, annual reporting requirements, and submission process. The SPO will address any questions resulting from the retirement of the Consolidated Energy Data Report (CEDR) and the Dashboard becoming the official sustainability data reporting tool. For more information about this training, please contact sustainability@hq.doe.gov.



Winners of the Fed Green Challenge Reported

Every year, the EPA’s Sustainable Materials Management Program awards six federal facilities for their efforts in reducing pollution, supporting renewable energy, and striving for overall efficiency as part of the [Federal Green Challenge](#) (FGC). The following participants have received awards for their efforts to improve the sustainability of their facilities and for their leadership in reducing the environmental footprint of federal government activities in waste, electronics, purchasing, energy, water, and transportation.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- August**
9-11: [Energy Exchange](#)
- September**
1: [Placing UESC Task Orders under the GSA Areawide Contract](#)
8: [GreenGov Symposium](#)

TRAINING

- ON-DEMAND**
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- FEMP TRAINING WORKSHOPS**
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VIDEO SPOTLIGHT



Make Energy at The Bay Area Maker Faire

Check out the innovations brewing at the Maker Faire

SUSTAINABILITY RESOURCES

- [Federal Renewable Energy Certificate Guide](#)
- [GSA Agency Green Building Best Practices and Case Studies](#)
- [SPO Website](#)
- [SPO Facebook Page](#)

PNNL Develops Tool for Evaluating Smart Grid Implementation

[Pacific Northwest National Laboratory \(PNNL\)](#) has developed a free, web-based tool that can help organizations make informed decisions when considering to adopt a smart grid. [The Emissions Quantification Tool](#) (EQT) evaluates the environmental impacts of implementing a smart grid. Likewise, this new tool provides organizations operational data to justify the switch to a smart grid. A prototype of the EQT was released last October at the National Summit on Smart Grid and Climate Change. You can try it by clicking [here](#).

FY 2016 DOE Sustainability Reporting Guidance Forthcoming

The SPO will be soon issuing guidance for FY 2016 Sustainability Reporting. The SPO will issue guidance for Site Sustainability Plans (SSPs) and annual sustainability data reporting to support the Greenhouse Gas Inventory and other required reports. For more information, please contact the SPO at sustainability@hq.doe.gov.

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Obama Administration Announces Clean Energy Savings for All Americans Initiative

On July 19, 2016, the White House released a [statement](#) announcing the Clean Energy Savings for All Americans Initiative. This plan will “work to ensure that every household has options to choose to go solar and put in place additional measures to promote energy efficiency.” The White House will be working with state agencies to achieve a goal of delivering 1 gigawatt of solar energy to low- and mid- income families by 2020.



As part of this initiative, the DOE will coordinate the *Community Solar Challenge* that will award teams in communities who develop plans to increase solar deployment and cut energy their communities’ energy bills with up to \$100,000 in cash and assistance to see their plans succeed. DOE will also contribute by providing that low- and mid-income citizens with the opportunity to clean energy jobs by launching the Solar Training Network. The Solar Training Network will offer these citizens a connection to training and solar employers.

For more details on the initiative, visit [the White House press release](#).