



SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

SPO Launces Sustainability Financial Assistance Program

On January 26th, the Sustainability Performance Office (SPO) launched the SPO Funding Opportunity Announcement (SPOFOA), a first-of-its-kind program designed to expand sustainable technologies and practices across the Department of Energy (DOE) complex. SPOFOA offers financial assistance to DOE programs, sites, and National Laboratories to support programs and projects that reduce operating costs and the Department’s footprint. SPOFOA assistance specifically targets improvements to, and compliance with, federally-mandated sustainability requirements, including goals on the Office of Management & Budget (OMB) [Sustainability and Energy Scorecard](#).



All DOE sites and National Laboratories are eligible to receive funding under the program. There are no technical restrictions to funding availability; any project that has potential to increase Departmental compliance with sustainability requirements will be considered. The application deadline is March 27, 2015.

For more information, please visit the program’s webpage at www.sustainability.energy.gov/SPOFOA.

DOE Leads Federal Agencies in Green Power Use



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently released the Top 10 Federal Government Partner List, highlighting the largest green power users among federal government organizations within the Green Power Partnership. The Department of Energy topped the list as the Federal Agency with the most Green Power usage. The combined green power usage of all organizations amounted to nearly 1.7 billion kilowatt-hours of green power annually. DOE contributed 12 percent of the government total with 594,703,934 kilowatt-hours of green power.

For more information, visit <http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/toplists/top10federal.htm>.

SUSTAINABILITY SUPERSTAR



In FY 2014, the Sandia National Laboratory’s New Mexico campus added nine High Performance Sustainable Buildings (HPSB) compliant buildings to their green building inventory, the largest increase of any DOE site. The site now has 18 total HPSB compliant buildings. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Send us your Superstar!



DOE Submits FY 2014 Greenhouse Gas Inventory – On January 30, DOE submitted its FY 2014 Greenhouse Gas Inventory and related reports to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). The SPO would like to extend a “thank you” to all program and site personnel who contributed to the annual sustainability reporting process.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MILESTONES



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Feb 10: [ESPC: Smart Approaches Toward Energy Efficiency](#)

Feb 24: [Portfolio Manager 101](#)

Feb 25: [Portfolio Manager 201](#)

Various Dates: [Data Center Energy Practitioner \(DCEP\) Training](#)

ON-DEMAND TRAINING

Certifications

[GSA-Sponsored LEED Training Certification for Federal Employees](#)

Financing

[ESPCs for Small Sites](#)

[UESCs and Energy Project Funds](#)

[Energy Savings Performance Contracting](#)

[Measurement and Verification in ESPCs](#)

Buildings

[Guiding Principles For HPSB](#)

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Water

[Water Efficiency Planning and Implementation](#)

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Data Centers

[Data Center Efficiency with ASHRAE Thermal Guidelines](#)

SUSTAINABILITY RESOURCES

USPS Provides Easy Electronics Recycling for Federal Employees

The USPS Blue Earth Federal Recycling program offers federal agencies an easy solution for recycling electronics. Through Blue Earth, DOE employees (Federal staff and contractors) can safely and easily recycle unwanted electronic devices or e-waste (personal or work related) at no cost. To learn more about the program, visit the www.blueearth.usps.gov.



A new video illustrates the benefits of the program and the steps to participate. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YB1KAEDdGJI&list=PL22EBOD3268894E25&index=1>

EPA Requests Comments on the Development of E-Enterprise Portal

The EPA's Office of the Chief Financial Officer is requesting comments on the development of E-Enterprise, a new portal to create modern and efficient information hub. E-Enterprise is a transformative 21st century strategy for rethinking how government agencies ensure environmental protection in the United States. Through joint governance at the federal, state, and tribal levels, EPA is collaboratively modernizing business processes and driving and sharing innovations. The goal is to reduce regulatory burden and optimize information technology resources across government entities.



For more information regarding webinar registration, please visit: www2.epa.gov/e-enterprise/portal-scoping

EPA's Battle of the Buildings Team Challenge Registration is Open

The EPA's fifth-annual Battle of the Buildings Team Challenge is now accepting competitors for the 2015 challenge. In 2014, 112 teams with over 5,500 facilities competed to reduce the most waste, energy, and water use.



For more information or to register visit, <http://www.energystar.gov/buildings/about-us/how-can-we-help-you/communicate/energy-star-communications-toolkit/motivate-competition-0>.



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