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## *Going Green in GSA-Leased Commercial Space:*

**Overcoming the Challenges Renters Face  
in Complying with Executive Order 13423**

# Presenters:

- **Michele Silver, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network**
- **Heather Davis, USDA Forest Service – Sustainable Programs**
- **Frank De Loach, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network**
- **John Mowery, General Services Administration**



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# Our Plan for Today:

- **Share what we've discovered about ways to overcome the challenges to environmental action faced by Federal renters in commercial space**
- **Learn more from each other**



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# Actions Taken By FinCEN Environmental Action Group:

- **Developed Directive setting a policy of environmental stewardship and responsibilities for implementation**
- **Became a partner in the Federal Electronics Challenge**
- **Started monthly “Green Tips” for employees**



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# **Actions Taken By FinCEN Environmental Action Group - 2:**

- Promoted alternate ways to commute**
- Collected used personal cell phones for recycling**
- Tested use of 100% recycled content paper**
- Purchased CFLs for employees' desk and floor lamps**



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# What We DIDN'T Know How to Do:

- **Set or track goals for conserving electricity and water, which are included in our lease**
- **Replace ceiling high-hat (recessed) lights with CFLs**



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## What We DIDN'T Know How to Do - 2:

- **Set up a building-wide recycling program for paper, plastics, cans, and cardboard**
- **Get janitorial staff to move cans/bottles from our space to a recycling center**



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# **USDA Forest Service – Sustainable Operations**

- Environmental Footprint effort**
- Green Teams and place-based activities**
- Leasing challenges and opportunities**

# FinCEN Facilities – “Green” Actions

- Renovations
- Furnishings, carpets
- Negotiations through GSA



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# **GSA – Supporting “Green” Leased Space**

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- How Executive Order 13423 gives Federal tenants leverage**
- Support from local environmental laws**
- Effective approaches to landlord resistance**
- How GSA can help**

# Questions, Comments

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- **What questions do you have for panel members?**
- **How do YOU comply with E.O. 13423 in leased facilities?**

# Strategy for Complying with E.O. 13423 in Leased Space

## Control what you can control

- Agency policy
- Renovations
- Purchasing
- Behavior of agency staff
- Innovative measurements

Get help from GSA where you need it



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