

Engaging Federal Employees:

SAVE Award & Green Gov Challenge

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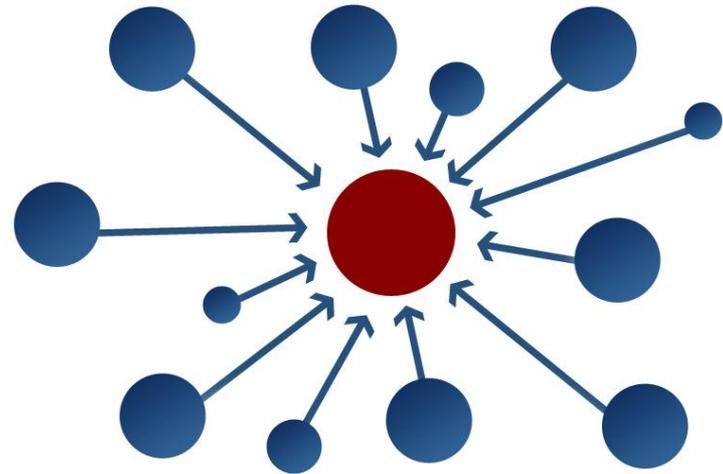
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“Simplify the process of Forest Service personnel depositing collected funds into the bank”

- Julie Fosbender, from West Virginia for the Department of Agriculture



“Decrease reporting repetitive information in grant programs for subsidized housing units.”

- Huston Prescott, from Alaska for the Department of Housing and Urban Development



“Have the public schedule appointments online, saving the time that it takes to assist people by phone and opening staffers up to assist more people.”

- Christie Dickson, from Alabama for the Social Security Administration





“Reduce waste by stopping the practice of disposing medicine upon a patients discharge from medical centers.”

-Nancy Fichtner from Colorado for the Department of Veterans Affairs

**Impact: Expected to SAVE \$14.5 Million
from 2010 - 2014**

Green Gov Challenge 2009

“Teleworking should be an option for anyone who works in federal government as an employee or contractor whose job could allow for such flexibility. This falls under conserving a LOT of energy, but it would also reduce commuters’ carbon footprint.”

- **Josh**, Oakton, VA

“Use motion activated lights in halls, bathrooms, etc.”

- **Kevin**, MD

“Powering down all desktop computers, locally connected printers, and other non-networked peripherals at the end of the day will reduce energy consumption.”

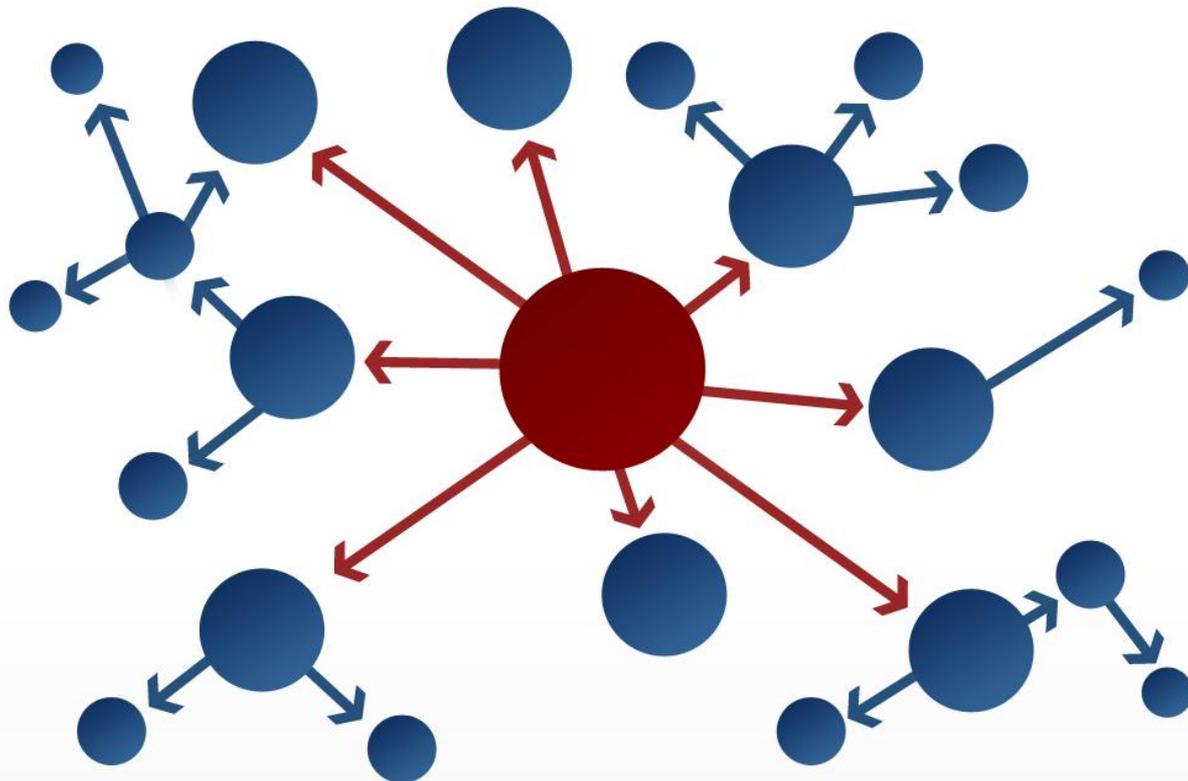
- **Aaron Helton**, OPM, Washington, D.C.

“Replace any incandescent light bulbs with Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) or Light-Emitting Diodes (LEDs).”

- **Katie S.**, Washington, D.C.



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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Generals Insist on Unnecessary Home Remodels

On our military base, some General's and their spouses have expectations that they can remodel their government-owned home any way they want. Recently, a General requested a countertop be removed from a historic home on the base to be installed in his interim home. The reason was that the General's wife did not like the current countertop, however they would be living in the home for 1 year or less while their permanent home was being remodeled. The military personnel went out of their way to facilitate this request. I appreciate the service of our military personnel but when these folks only live in the home for 1-5 years, it is such a waste of significant changes to a home unless they are needed.

tags: homes remodel

Submitted by Community Member 1 month ago

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Community Member said:
I absolutely agree, this is fraud, waste & abuse of taxpayers' money. No other military member is authorized to use government funds to renovate their quarters because they don't like the layout or the kitchen isn't modern enough. General officers shouldn't be authorized to expend government funds for the renovations either. Rank may have it's privileges, but this is ABUSE of the rank and is costing the military services exorbitant amounts of money!
1 month ago



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In 2009, President Obama called for "a process through which every government worker can submit their ideas for how their agency can save money and perform better." The President's SAVE (Securing Americans' Value and Efficiency) Award fulfilled this commitment by enabling Federal employees from across the government to submit their ideas for efficiencies and savings as part of the annual Budget process.

Now in 2010, we expanded the process so Federal employees can both submit ideas and vote on ideas submitted by others in a collaborative process.

The period for submitting and voting on ideas for the 2010 SAVE Award is now closed. OMB is reviewing submissions. Check [SaveAward.gov](#) in September when the finalists are announced.

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Gov't Assistance Incentive

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- 38,000 ideas

SAVE 2010

- 18,000 ideas
- 13,000 comments
- 164,000 votes
- 8 votes/ user
- 5,600 just voted



You don't need to have a "big idea" to participate.

Collaboration can help surface good ideas – and make them great.





“I still think it was a lot for a little idea, but it really will save a lot of money and I am so glad to be a part of it. I can’t wait to see my idea come full circle.”

- Nancy Fichtner from Colorado for the Department of Veterans Affairs

Questions?



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