

**“So we're going to develop every possible source of American-made energy. Oil and gas, wind power, solar power, biofuels, fuel-efficient cars and trucks that get more miles to the gallon -- that's our future. And the good news is we're already seeing progress.”**

**-President Obama**

Remarks on Energy in Maljamar, New Mexico  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

## CEQ News

### New FEE Focuses on “Leading by Example”



The Council on Environmental Quality welcomes Jon Powers as the new Federal Environmental Executive. Prior to joining CEQ, Jon served as the Special Advisor on Energy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations, Energy & Environment. He also served as the Chief Operating Officer at the Truman National Security Project, where he focused on energy security issues. Jon served for four years as an Officer in the U.S. Army, including a 15-month tour in Iraq as part of Operation Iraq Freedom I. Jon looks forward to “Leading by Example” through GreenGov initiatives and implementation of EO 13514.



### 2012 GreenGov Symposium – Leading by Example

CEQ and the Association of Climate Change Officers (ACCO) announced the *2012 GreenGov Symposium – Leading by Example*, which will be held September 24-26<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. This forum will facilitate critical engagement and identify strategic opportunities to make Federal operations more efficient and effective, grow clean energy industries, and curb pollution by incorporating sustainable practices into the Federal Government's operations. Find out more at [greengov2012.org](http://greengov2012.org).

### GreenGov Call for Abstracts is Now Underway

A Call for Abstracts has been released to solicit presentations for the *2012 GreenGov Symposium – Leading by Example*. Abstracts should relate to innovative sustainability efforts in Federal, private sector, and state and local government operations, and focus on innovations in technology and policy that demonstrate leadership in these areas and will ultimately result in sustainability across the Federal community. The deadline for submission is June 1, 2012. More information and a full list of potential topic areas may be found [here](#).

### FedCenter Currently Accepting Nominees for the 2012 GreenGov Presidential Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2012 GreenGov Presidential Awards. As in past years, the awards categories include Sustainability Hero; Green Innovation; Lean, Clean, and Green; Good Neighbor; Green Dream Team; and Building the Future. To be eligible for an individual award, the nominee must be a Federal civilian or military employee. For team awards, eligibility may include a Federal partner including a Federal contractor, tribal/state/local agency, or non-profit organization. Nominations must be submitted by a Federal employee through the FedCenter website, [www.fedcenter.gov](http://www.fedcenter.gov) between April 23, 2012 and June 15, 2012. Further information and an explanation of the award categories can be found [here](#).

### Agency 2012 Sustainability Plans

Earlier this year, CEQ hosted workshops for agency leadership on the 2012 Sustainability Template. The template for the 2012 agency sustainability plans has been updated from last year and is available in the OMB MAX Data Collect system.

## Memorandum on Sustainable Product Procurement

On February 21<sup>st</sup>, President Obama signed a Memorandum on [Driving Innovation and Creating Jobs in Rural America through Biobased and Sustainable Product Procurement](#). The Memorandum reinforces section 2 of Executive Order 13514, which requires agencies to advance sustainable acquisition. Further, it directs Senior Sustainability Officers and Chief Acquisition Officers to verify that biobased considerations are included where appropriate. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will continue to designate categories of biobased products as eligible for preferred purchasing.

## Greenhouse Gas Accounting Protocol Posted for Public Comment

A draft revision to the Federal Greenhouse Gas Accounting and Reporting Guidance is currently posted to the [Federal Register](#) for a 30-day public comment period. Once revisions to the Guidance are finalized and distributed, the accompanying technical support document will be reissued. Any changes will be effective for reporting for FY 2012. For more information on the greenhouse gas accounting protocol, please refer to the [greenhouse gas reporting resources on fedcenter.gov](#). Also, check out the White House blog on [Reducing Greenhouse Gas Pollution](#).

## Agency News – Leading By Example

### DOE and OFEE host Better Buildings Case Competition

In March, students from across the country came to the White House to [present ideas for energy efficient buildings](#). University teams—led by their respective energy club—tackled cases that focus on a number of the most common and most stubborn barriers to energy efficiency in the private sector, and in state and local settings. The event supported the *Better Buildings Challenge*, a national energy efficiency leadership initiative and a core element of President Obama's plan to make commercial buildings 20% more energy efficient by 2020. Read more on the White House [blog](#).

### Army's Largest Renewable Energy Project Part of \$61 Million Energy Contracts

The U.S. Army has awarded three Energy Savings Performance Contracts with a total value of \$61 million, including one that will result in the largest renewable energy project executed to date by the Army. These three projects will save the Army 267 billion British thermal units, or BTUs, annually and will provide the Army with 8.2-megawatts of renewable power capacity. More information can be found [here](#).



### Announcements

- [Call for Abstracts for 2012 GreenGov Symposium](#)
- [DOE Webinar on Fuel Cells for Stationary Power](#)
- [EPA's List of Top 50 Green-Powered Organizations](#)

## Engineering and Design Firms Discuss Sustainable Infrastructure

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, partners from industry and academia joined Federal leaders for CEQ's Roundtable: Executing a Sustainable Infrastructure Vision. Roundtable participants tackled implementation issues surrounding sustainable infrastructure by identifying driving forces, barriers to implementation, and strategies for how to overcome those barriers.

Read the recent Presidential Memorandum on [Infrastructure Development](#).



- [Federal Green Challenge - Electronics Webinar April 26th](#)
- [New Environmental Justice Blog](#)
- [CEQ Announces 2012 GreenGov Presidential Awards](#)

### Upcoming Events

#### April

- 4/23 [GreenGov Award Nomination Process Opens](#) (To 6/15)
- 4/24 [Call for Abstracts for GreenGov Symposium](#) (To 6/1)
- 4/30 [National Water Quality Monitoring Conference](#) (To 5/4)
- 4/30 [Water Quality Standards Basic Course](#) (To 5/4)

#### May

- 5/1 [National Water Quality Monitoring Conference](#) (To 5/4)
- 5/6 [2012 NGWA Ground Water Summit](#) (To 5/10)
- 5/14 [National Air Quality Conference](#) (To 5/17)
- 5/15 [Used Oil, HHW, and WSPPN Conference](#) (To 5/17)
- 5/21 [Conference on Oceans, Climate, and Security](#) (To 5/23)

**Have success stories to share?** OFEE is interested in hearing what your agency has done to implement energy efficient and environmentally preferable practices. Let us know what successes you have had and any savings you have realized. Send a brief description and photo if available to [greenov@fedcenter.gov](mailto:greenov@fedcenter.gov).