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GreenGov Presidential Awards

On Nov. 5, CEQ hosted the 2013 [GreenGov Presidential Awards](#), honoring Federal agency teams and individuals that demonstrated extraordinary achievement toward meeting the goals of the President's Executive Order 13514 on Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance. Over 215 nominations were received for seven award categories that included

Sustainability Hero, Green Innovation, Lean Clean and Green, Good Neighbor, Green Dream Team, Building the Future, and Climate Champion. Eight winners were selected in each category. This year's ceremony was "livecast" on the WhiteHouse.gov website and welcomed White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough as the keynote speaker.



Sustainability Hero Award



Green Dream Team Award



Building the Future Award

Presidential Memorandum: Federal Leadership on Energy Management

On Dec. 5, President Obama signed the [Presidential Memorandum](#) titled "Federal Leadership on Energy Management" that directs agencies to consume 20 percent of their total amount of electric energy using renewable energy by 2020. The Federal Government must lead by example to create a clean energy economy, promote energy security, combat climate

change, protect the interests of taxpayers and safeguard the health of our environment. To achieve this goal, Federal agencies will implement the actions outlined, manage data through consistent reporting, take advantage of new renewable energy and consider opportunities to contract for energy installed on current or formerly contaminated lands, landfills and mine sites.

GreenGov Dialogue on Federal Energy Management

On Nov. 6, CEQ hosted the interagency GreenGov Dialogue on Energy Management at DOT headquarters. The event brought together nearly 200 Federal employees and key government stakeholders responsible for achieving the energy management goals under EO 13514. Event attendees included facility managers, energy managers, headquarter staff, and other key government stakeholders from across the nation, with employees from 44 different Federal agencies.

The Dialogue [included](#) a plenary session discussion from energy management thought leaders and provided the opportunity to review the latest developments, highlight case studies and participate in facilitated discussions. The set of three training sessions were particularly well attended, including Federal employees who were able to watch the presentations online. Attendees found the sessions informative and appreciated the dialogue on energy management issues.

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Champions of Change: Veterans and Clean Energy Event

On Nov. 5, CEQ [hosted](#) the White House Champions of Change event highlighting Veterans Advancing Clean Energy and Climate Security. The event was “[livecast](#)” on the White House website featuring panel discussions between senior Administration officials and the Champions about ways they advance clean energy, issues of climate security in their local communities and how their military service has informed that work. White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough delivered the

keynote address. Other speakers included [Energy](#) Secretary Ernest Moniz, CEQ Chair Nancy Sutley, Federal Environmental Executive Jon Powers, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Dennis McGinn, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Operational Energy Plans and Programs, Sharon Burke, Executive Director of the Center for Naval Analysis Military Advisory Board, Sherri Goodman, and Senator John Warner (ret).

Performance-Based Contracting for Energy Savings

In Dec. 2011, President Obama challenged Federal agencies to enter into \$2 billion worth of performance-based contracts for energy improvements within a two year time frame. As of Oct. 31, Federal agencies have awarded more than \$1 billion worth of contracts and have another \$1.3 billion in projects in the pipeline that are making their way through the contracting process.

To build upon the success of this program and capitalize on the lessons learned, the President [extended](#) the challenge to the end of 2016. This action has bipartisan support from Congress and the private sector as a common-sense solution to save energy and taxpayer money.

Better Building Challenge Event

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, the Council on Environmental Quality, the Department of Energy and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) hosted a Better Buildings event to [announce](#) the expansion of expanded the Better Buildings Challenge to multifamily housing such as apartments and condominiums. The Better Buildings Accelerators was also launched to

support efforts led by state and local governments to cut energy waste and eliminate market and technical barriers to greater building efficiency. The Obama Administration also announced that it will challenge federal agencies to further expand their use of performance-based contracts through 2016 to upgrade the energy efficiency of federal buildings.

Federal Agencies Release Sustainability Performance Plans

For the fourth year in a row, Federal agencies [released](#) comprehensive energy and sustainability data demonstrating progress toward the Administration’s aggressive 2020 energy and sustainability targets. On Dec. 5, agencies posted these Plans to [performance.gov](#).

Under the President’s Executive Order 13514, agencies develop and submit Sustainability Plans annually that meet energy, water, and waste reduction goals based on a positive return on investment for the taxpayer.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

GSA [issued](#) a Request for Information to solicit ideas to incorporate car-sharing government-wide and reduce the Federal fleet. Car-sharing pilot programs in select cities will explore best practices test alternative transportation services.

DOE's FEMP [launched](#) a new 8 hour on-demand training course for Energy Savings Performance Contracting (ESPC).

Friday, December 13

9:30AM-12:30PM at USDA Headquarters GreenGov Workshop on Climate Adaptation Planning – this event is for Federal agency employees only. No RSVP but arrive early as space is limited.

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Don't forget to check out [what's new](#) on FedCenter.gov.

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America Recycles Day – Nov. 15

Nov. 15 was America Recycles Day. #WeRecycle was the theme this year that featured photos, a Twitter Chat and blog posts by EPA. Musician Jack Johnson also [celebrated](#) America Recycles Day to help build awareness of sustainability efforts throughout the music industry.

DOE Recognizes Energy Efficient Manufacturers

On Sept. 25, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency Kathleen Hogan [praised](#) more than 120 companies participating in the Better Buildings, Better Plants Program. This program includes a voluntary pledge from more than 1,750 U.S. plants to reduce energy intensity by approximately 25 percent over 10 years, or an equally ambitious level for their sector. This represents close to eight percent of the total U.S. manufacturing energy footprint, and is a part of President Obama's Better Buildings Initiative.

State Department Releases Climate Report

The US State Department released the [2014 US Climate Action Report](#) to the United Nations on Sept. 26. The report found significant progress in reducing carbon pollution under the Obama Administration and outlines existing and planned actions that could reduce US greenhouse gas emissions by 17 percent below 2005 levels by 2020.

Electric Vehicle Test Program Comes To NJ Military Base

The Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst was chosen as one of six military bases to take part in the Department of Defense [Vehicle-to-Grid \(V2G\) Project](#). This one year trial will test the V2G system to cut costs and benefit the power grid by charging vehicles during periods of low demand and returning power to the grid during periods of peak demand.

DOE Invests More Than \$7 Million to Deploy Tribal Clean Energy

The Energy Department [announced](#) that nine tribal clean energy projects will receive more than \$7 million to help American Indian and Alaska Native tribes deploy clean energy projects—saving communities money, enhancing energy security, and creating new job and business opportunities. The biomass, energy efficiency, solar, and wind energy projects will be located in Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, and Wisconsin.

EPA Proposes Draft Guidelines for Greener and Safer Products

EPA [proposed](#) draft guidelines that will help the Federal Government buy greener and safer products. The draft guidelines are designed to assist Federal purchasing decision makers in more consistently using existing non-governmental product environmental performance standards and ecolabels.