

Leading the way to a more sustainable Federal Government



On behalf of the Office of Federal Sustainability, I hope you had a great Memorial Day weekend and a wonderful “unofficial” start to the summer season. While summer time is prime time for relaxing vacations and time spent out of the office, things are busy at federal agencies across the country. From the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure to solar project installations, sustainability is a driving force in today’s federal government, as we all work toward achieving President Obama’s goals in Executive Order 13693, *Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade*. Check out this month’s newsletter for some great examples of the work that we are producing together.



Federal Chief Sustainability Officer, Christine Harada

News from the Office of Federal Sustainability

GreenGov Presidential Awards

The nomination period for the 2016 GreenGov Presidential Awards is now officially closed. Over 120 applications were received from all over the federal government. The GreenGov Presidential Awards celebrate extraordinary achievement in the pursuit of President Obama's Executive Order on federal sustainability. They honor federal civilian and military personnel, agency teams, agency projects and facilities, and agency programs that exemplify President Obama's charge to lead by example towards a clean energy economy. The Green Gov Awards ceremony will be held this fall.

GreenGov Dialogue

In collaboration with George Washington University, the Office of Federal Sustainability will host a GreenGov Dialogue on Monday, July 11, 2016. The dialogue will focus on federal sustainability efforts in fleet electrification, and will feature speakers from across the government, industry, NGO and academia sectors. This event will be an opportunity to gain insight into the current state of vehicle electrification infrastructure growth,

and a chance to learn best practices from public and private organizations who are leading the way with this energy efficient fleet option. Contact bgordon-williams@ceq.eop.gov for more information.

GreenGov Symposium

This year's GreenGov Symposium will be held on September 8th, bringing together public and private sector leaders to discuss the latest innovations and approaches for achieving the goals in Executive Order 13693. The event will feature innovative thought leaders who will share ideas and strategies for achieving energy efficiency, clean energy targets, waste reduction, sustainable supply chains, greener fleets, and water reduction. Registration details will be shared this summer.

FAR Rule Announcement

On May 25th, a proposed rule on contractor disclosure of GHG and climate risk management (FAR Case 2015-024) was published in the Federal Register. This rule would add questions to the annual contractor representations and certifications in the System for Award Management, asking if and where contractors publicly disclose greenhouse gas emissions, greenhouse gas reduction goals or targets, and climate-related risks. This information is expected to provide greater insight into GHG management across the Federal supply chain, assist agencies in developing strategies to reduce these emissions, and support implementation of supply chain measures under E.O. 13693. You can find more information [here](#).

CEQ at the DOE Better Buildings Summit

The DOE Better Buildings Summit was held May 9-11, and Federal Chief Sustainability Officer Christine Harada was a featured speaker. The Better Buildings Summit is a national meeting where leading organizations across key sectors showcase solutions to cut energy intensity in their buildings. The summit is designed for partners and stakeholders to exchange best practices and highlight demonstrated market solutions. DOE Secretary Dr. Ernest Moniz and HUD Secretary Julian Castro also spoke at the summit, along with various public and private sector leaders.

One Young World Environmental Summit

Federal Chief Sustainability Officer Christine Harada addressed hundreds of young people at the One Young World Environmental Summit at the University of Arizona on May 20th. One Young World hosts summits across the globe, inspiring and motivating young people to be the change they want to see in the world. This event was the first summit focused solely on the environment, and Ms. Harada spoke about the federal government's work to build a more sustainable future for all Americans.

ENV-VISION Conference

The Electric Power Research Institute held the second annual Environmental Vision Electricity Sector Conference on May 11th. The conference focuses on the environmental issues facing the electricity sector, and allows attendees the opportunity to engage in high level discussions to identify knowledge gaps and define the research needed to solve challenges. Federal Chief Sustainability Officer Christine Harada spoke at the event, and discussed how the electricity sector factors into the President's sustainability goals.

News From Around the Agencies

Solar News



DOE Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Solar installation projects are thriving across the federal government. On May 17th Federal Chief Sustainability Officer Christine Harada participated in the dedication of the new DOE solar installation at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. This project is the largest solar energy purchase from an onsite facility by DOE, and is the first in the western region. Several solar projects are in the works at various agencies/military bases this summer—stay tuned to this newsletter for more information on the signing ceremonies and dedications below:

Scheduled Department of Defense Solar Project Events for June 2016:

- Oceana and Norfolk: Signing ceremony for a 17 MW solar facility
- Ft. Benning, GA: Ribbon cutting for a 30 MW solar project
- Ft. Rucker, AL: Groundbreaking for a 10 MW AC solar project
- Redstone Arsenal: Groundbreaking for a 18,000 MW/Hrs per year solar project
- Ft. Detrick, MD: Ribbon cutting for a 15 MW AC solar project

Federal Workplaces are Starting to Charge up their Employee Commutes

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) signed up for the DOE Workplace Charging Challenge last year, and the results are now changing the way employees can commute to work. DOT has committed to promoting sustainable commuting and work-related travel practices for federal employees, including initiatives that foster workplace vehicle charging of plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs). Currently, employees working at the DOT headquarters building may use approximately 50 Level 1 charging stations. Going forward, DOT is working to identify other opportunities to expand charging sites across the nation with a goal to provide 500 charging stations by 2025, including employee access to Level 2 chargers when not in use for government vehicles.

DOC Green Store Success

This spring the Department of Commerce (DOC) celebrates the 3rd anniversary of its Herbert C. Hoover Building Green Store. Launched as a way to recycle excess office supplies, equipment and furnishings, the store has generated over \$450,000 in cost avoidance for the department. DOC believes that their store can serve as a model for other offices across the federal government. For more information, check out this [video](#).

FEMP Releases New First Thursday Seminar Featuring Federal Leaders

The U.S. Department of Energy Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) will present the “Federal Thought Leaders Roundtable” on June 2, 2016 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. FEMP Director, Timothy Unruh, will facilitate a roundtable discussion among senior agency officials on cutting-edge topics related to federal sustainability goals, policy, and initiatives. Panelists will review innovative project case studies, and share insights and strategies for replicating them.

The panelists for this First Thursday Seminar are Dr. Timothy Unruh, Director of the Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP), Christine Harada, Federal Chief Sustainability Officer, Kevin Kampschroer, Chief Sustainability Officer at GSA, and Lisa A. Jung, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Installation Energy within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment. Register for the event [here](#).

Also in the News

Energy Exchange 2016

Mark your calendars for Energy Exchange 2016! From August 9-11 in Providence, Rhode Island, federal personnel from across civilian agencies and the military along with the private sector will come together for 2 1/2 days of training sessions on funding, designing, and operating energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in the federal government. Continuing education units will be offered for the majority of the training sessions currently being planned.

For more information on the training tracks, costs, or the tradeshow and to register, visit the [Energy Exchange website](#). Please note: to control event costs, the event is invitation-only for DOE-funded attendees. (FEMP Digest, May 9, 2016)

Get Fleet Management Training at Energy Exchange

New and experienced federal fleet managers alike can learn about the latest fleet-related federal mandates and greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategies at Energy Exchange 2016, to be held August 9–11 in Providence, Rhode Island. FEMP and GSA will present a federal fleet training track with topics ranging from electric vehicles to data reporting to the vehicle allocation methodology process.

Federal fleet training topics at Energy Exchange include:

- * E.O. 13693, EPAAct, and other federal fleet sustainability programs
- * Electric vehicles and electric vehicle supply equipment: Intro to zero emission vehicle metrics, targets, exempted vehicles, and greenhouse gas metrics and targets
- * Management information systems: Moving to asset-level data
- * FAST agency administrator training
- * Fleet Sustainability Dashboard (FleetDASH) capabilities
- * Fleet data analytics tools
- * The future of the vehicle allocation methodology process

For more information on training tracks and event registration, visit the [Energy Exchange website](#). (FEMP Digest, May 9, 2016)

American Institute of Architects Recognizes GSA Standout

GSA's A.R. Ann Kosmal has been accepted into the AIA Fellowship program. Kosmal is an architect with the GSA Climate Adaption and Resiliency team. The AIA Fellowship program was developed to elevate those architects who have made a significant contribution to architecture and society and who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession. Election to Fellowship not only recognizes the achievements of the architect as an individual, but also honors before the public and the profession a model architect who has made a significant contribution to architecture and society on a national level.