

DHS Recognizes Sustainable Practice

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DHS is committed to sustainability and each year recognizes the most significant contributions to greener government. During a Sept. 5 ceremony, the Acting Under Secretary for Management and Chief Readiness Support Officer honored members of the DHS team who made the most significant contributions to improving the environment, business operations, efficiency and economy.

"As the senior sustainability official in the Department, this is one of the more enjoyable endeavors I have an opportunity to participate in," said Acting Under Secretary for Management Chris Cummiskey in his opening remarks. "It's a really terrific opportunity to highlight the work that's being done on the ground in the components..."

Sustainability success means incorporating best practices into every aspect of DHS operations. "We're recognizing the engraining of sustainability into the day-to-day operations of the Department," Cummiskey said.

Several component teams received recognition in the following categories:

- FEMA – Building the Future Award
- ICE – Building the Future Award
- FLETC – Green Dream Team Award
- FLETC – Lean, Clean and Green Award

"I'm very proud of what you have accomplished in the last year," said Jeffery Orner, DHS chief readiness support officer. "The winners of these four awards and the teams that stand behind you truly, richly deserve this recognition." Also part of the ceremony was an individual recognition. Asad Gilani, ICE energy program manager, won the Sustainability Hero category. An agent of change, he transformed ICE into a proactive organization with the goal of obtaining a position of sustainability leadership among law enforcement agencies.

"What you're doing is helping this Department perform our operational mission and helping us to do it in such a way as to meet our sustainability challenges - and that really matters," said Orner.