

Fiscal Year 2014 GreenBuy Award Winners Announced

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security has announced the winners of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 GreenBuy Awards. The following sites were recognized for demonstrating leadership in sustainable acquisition:

- Gold Level Award Winners:
 - Argonne National Laboratory;
 - Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; and
 - National Renewable Energy Laboratory (for the fourth year in a row!)
- Silver Level Award Winners:
 - Ames Laboratory; and
 - Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

Matt Moury, DOE's Associate Under Secretary for Environment, Health, Safety and Security, emphasized the value of the program: "GreenBuy shows that DOE sites can leverage Federal purchasing dollars to achieve mission goals while also reducing the environmental impact of their operations and improving the marketplace for greener products."

Program Background

The Office of Sustainability Support (AU-21), in coordination with the Office Management and Administration's Office of Acquisition and Project Management, launched the GreenBuy Awards in FY 2011. The award program recognizes DOE sites for excellence in "green purchasing" that extends beyond minimum compliance requirements.

Shab Fardanesh, the AU-21 Sustainable Acquisition Program Coordinator, notes that 23 sites have qualified for GreenBuy Awards since FY 2011. "This voluntary program helps DOE sites systematically reduce their footprint through environmentally sustainable purchases," says Fardanesh. "As an added bonus, employees can also use this information to make greener and healthier purchases at home for their families."

The GreenBuy Program depends on DOE's "Priority Products List," which helps DOE sites identify products with strong sustainability attributes. All Federal agencies, including DOE, are required to purchase products that are energy efficient, water efficient, made from biobased or recycled content, and are non-toxic or less-toxic than conventional alternatives. These overlapping requirements cover hundreds of product categories and are a regular source of confusion for purchasers. The "Priority Products List" simplifies the process by identifying products that are frequently purchased by DOE facilities that have strong sustainability attributes. The GreenBuy Program incentivizes DOE sites to identify, purchase, and track their use of the sustainable product goals on the Priority Products List.

Sites can qualify for GreenBuy Awards at three levels – Gold, Silver, or Bronze – based on meeting the goals of select products and categories.

- **To Achieve Gold:** Sites must demonstrate meeting the goals of a minimum of 9 products in at least 5 categories
- **To Achieve Silver:** Sites must demonstrate meeting the goals of a minimum of 6 products in at least 3 product categories
- **To Achieve Bronze:** Sites must demonstrate meeting the goals of a minimum of 3 products in at least 2 product categories

Information on the GreenBuy Program including nomination submission, can be found at: <https://www.fedcenter.gov/members/workgroups/sustainableacquisition/priorityproducts/>
The nomination period is open from October 1 through the 2nd Friday in December.

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