



Dear SFEB Sustainability Spotlight Participants,

Thanks for your commitment to the SFEB Sustainability Spotlight and sustainability in general! The federal community in the Pacific NW is doing great work on this front!

This is the first of a regular series of e-newsletters you will be receiving to continue the conversation and share resources, stories, data, and tools. We want this to be a two-way conversation, so please send us your successes, ideas, and best practices so we can share them with everyone.

What are you doing to be more energy efficient? What has worked in your agency? How much did you save on your utility bill last month/quarter? How are you getting your employees involved? Strategies that have worked in your agency might work in others, so please share!

Green Team Success

Congratulations to the Jackson Federal Building and Seattle Federal Office Building for winning the Environmental Protection Agency's Annual Federal Green Challenge Regional Award in the area of Education and Outreach! These teams are amazingly creative with newsletters, special events, campaigns, recycling activities and much more. Check out a sample of their newsletter attached. Do you have a green team in your office building? Share some of their best practices with this group. Need some guidance on starting a green team or ideas to expand your efforts? Let us know and we'll connect you!

The Triple Bottom Line

During the Federal Green Challenge Symposium on April 23rd, Richard Berndt, Regional Economic Development Representative with the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration, shared a great online tool that can help organizations evaluate their Triple Bottom Line. Check it out at <http://www.tbltool.org/>. Have you used this tool? What did you think? Want to speak with Richard? Contact him at rberndt@eda.gov or 206.220.7682.

Surveys, Surveys, Surveys

As we launch into our two-month focus on energy efficiency, it might be a great time to survey your workforce on their attitudes and behaviors related to sustainability. This is easy to do as several local agencies have already developed excellent survey questions! Check out some of their attached surveys and results.



Since we are focusing on energy efficiency in June and July, we also want to learn more about energy usage within our agencies. Help us track energy use by recording and reporting data for your agency.

Energy Efficiency Campaign Tools

One of the primary goals of this initiative is to encourage the sharing of sustainability tools and resources among agencies. EPA has developed a few handy energy efficiency campaign tools for use during the SFEB Sustainability Spotlight on this focus area (see attached). Please feel free to use these in your own agencies! If you have created resources that have helped your agency become more energy efficient, please send them to [Vicky Salazar](#) or [Cynthia Tolentino](#) to share with the SFEB Spotlight community.

SFEB Sustainability Spotlight Webpage

We are finalizing an SFEB Sustainability Spotlight webpage where you can turn to for updates, resources, tools and more! If you have suggestions for what should be featured online, let us know! Contact [Vicky Salazar](#) or [Cynthia Tolentino](#).