



SFEB SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT



Dear SFEB Sustainability Spotlight Participants,

Welcome to the second e-newsletter to share resources, stories, data, and tools. We want to keep up the conversation so please keep sending us your successes, ideas, and best practices so we can share them with everyone!

Thanks for joining us on our conference call on May 14 to continue our collaboration. Thank you [Lori Danielson](#), from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, for hosting and presenting your case study. If you are willing to present at our June 11th call, please let Lori know.

Read on for great successes and tools to help you plan your Energy Campaign starting June 1.

Energy Efficiency Campaign Tools

One of the primary goals of this initiative is to encourage the sharing of sustainability tools and resources among agencies. Here is the next message that EPA has developed for the energy efficiency campaign (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.

Kill-A-Watt

We've all heard that electronics consume energy even when they're not in use or turned off, but without real numbers, it can be hard to appreciate the importance of turning off or unplugging. This handy power meter, available at the Seattle Public Library for checkout, can tell you the actual electrical consumption of small to medium electrical devices in your home or office. It will also help you discover the hidden or 'phantom' loads that occur when electrical devices are turned off. See how much energy you *really* are consuming and show your colleagues how much you could be saving with a few simple actions. Take a look: http://seattle.bibliocommons.com/item/show/2655545030_kill_a_watt.



Energy Data for Seattle Area Federal Buildings

During the recent SFEB Spotlight Community conference call, the group requested energy and water usage data for federally owned and operated buildings in Seattle. Attached you will find 2012 June and July data for the five GSA operated buildings in the Seattle area (Seattle Federal Office Building, Jackson Federal Building, Nakamura Courthouse, Seattle Courthouse, Federal Center South). Last year's information will assist you to create as a baseline for behaviors in areas like energy and water, green cleaning, resource conservation, and building tenant education. As you're thinking about tracking your agency's stats, look at energy bills for data on electricity, natural gas, and fuel oil use as well as use of renewable energy. Targeting the August newsletter, GSA will also provide actual June and July 2013 data that will allow agencies in those facilities to measure how they may have impacted energy reductions. If you have any energy related questions in the meantime, contact Cynthia Tolentino at cynthia.tolentino@gsa.gov.

GSA and Coast Guard Connect on Advanced Metering

The Department of Homeland Security, Coast Guard, Seattle Base Support Unit, in Seattle, has been undertaking numerous projects to measure and reduce their energy consumption. During the April 23, Federal Green Challenge Symposium, Lieutenant Commander Brian Tesson from the U.S. Coast Guard presented the agency's efforts and initiatives. A copy of his presentation is attached. During the presentation, Brian noted that the agency is exploring advancing metering technologies but was in search of additional information. GSA has been working on advanced metering projects and was able to connect with the Coast Guard to address their initial questions. This is the type of collaboration is one of the goals of the SFEB Sustainability Spotlight.

Resolve to Revolve

Did you know that using revolving doors instead of regular exit doors can have a big effect on energy savings? By keeping heat or air conditioning in and wind and weather out, revolving doors can prevent up to 18% of building heat loss. Take a look at the attached action plan for the Resolve to Revolve campaign to help you get the message out within your agency. Region 10 HUD was able to increase use of revolving doors by 3% as a result of simple employee education.

If you would like others to receive this newsletter, please email me at cynthia.tolentino@gsa.gov.