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GreenGov Trademark



On January 28, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office recognized GreenGov as a Federally registered trademark. GreenGov is an initiative designed to support the Federal community in pursuing excellence in environmental, energy and economic performance. GreenGov activities inform the Federal community and others about policies and guidance relevant to implementing sustainable practices within the Federal Government. With more than 1.8 million civilian employees, 360,000 buildings and \$415 billion in annual purchasing power, GreenGov supports the Federal Government's commitment to lead by example.

In upcoming weeks, CEQ will host various GreenGov events. Please check FedCenter.gov for upcoming topics and dates.

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EPA's Green Power Partnership Top 10 Federal Government Green Power Users

EPA's Green Power Partnership announced the [Top 10 Federal Government Partner List](#) representing the largest green power users within the Partnership. They also released the [National Top 100](#) list.

Federal Energy and Water Management Awards

The nomination period is open for the Federal Energy and Water Management Awards to honor outstanding Federal agency achievements in energy, water and fleet management. The [Federal Awards Criteria](#) will host an informational Webinar on March 18 to provide an overview of the Awards criteria and eligibility requirements, and tips to prepare nomination narratives. All final nominations must be submitted by April 25, 2014.

Federal Management Regulation; Disposal and Reporting of Federal Electronic Assets (FEA)

GSA is [proposing](#) to amend the Federal Management Regulation by changing its personal property policy regarding the disposal and reporting of FEA. The proposed changes are to provide policy for the safe handling and disposal of FEA and make minor clarifying edits to existing policies. Interested parties should submit comments in writing on or before May 5, 2014 to be considered in the formulation of a final rule.

USGS Launches Map and Data Set of U.S. Wind Turbine Locations

USGS launched a [map](#) and [data set](#) of industrial onshore wind turbine locations in the U.S. with corresponding facility information and turbine technical specifications.

GSA Announces new Public Buildings Service Commissioner

In mid-March, Norman Dong will begin serving as GSA's Public Buildings Service (PBS) Commissioner. Mr. Dong's experience managing large and complex public sector organizations makes him the ideal choice to lead PBS. Important goals he will work on include helping GSA's partners use their office space more efficiently and reducing energy usage throughout the Federal Government.

New Fuel Economy Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles

On February 18, President Obama [directed](#) EPA and DOT to set the next round of fuel efficiency standards for medium- and heavy-duty trucks by March 2016. This next round of fuel efficiency standards will build on the historic work done to date, support American manufacturing innovation and spur the development of new technologies.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- On March 19, 1 p.m. EST, CEQ will host a Webinar on Federal Leadership to Reduce HFC Emissions. To register, please email Emily Kent at ekent@ceq.eop.gov
- March 17-20, the annual [Conference on Soil, Water, Energy and Air](#) will be held in San Diego. The conference will allow participants to facilitate the exchange of information of technological advances, new scientific achievements and the effectiveness of standing environmental regulation programs.
- On March 27, CEQ will host an informational Webinar on the 2014 GreenGov Presidential Awards. To RSVP and receive additional information, please email Emily Kent at ekent@ceq.eop.gov
- NAFA Fleet Management Association will host an [Institute and Expo](#) on April 8-11, 2014 in Minneapolis, MN. Opportunities in fleet management resources, products, training and education will be available.
- When using Twitter, highlight what your agency is doing to #ActOnClimate
- Don't forget to check out [what's new](#) on FedCenter.gov.

DOE Offers Funds to Improve the Resilience of the Electric Grid

On February 7, DOE [announced](#) up to \$7 million in funding to advance the design of technologies that will help communities strengthen and modernize critical energy infrastructure, improve the resilience of electric grids and become more adaptive and prepared for power outages caused by severe weather and other events.

New Energy Efficiency Standards for External Power Supplies

On February 3, DOE [announced](#) new efficiency standards for external power supplies used in hundreds of types of electronics and consumer products, including cell phones, tablets, laptops, video game consoles and power tools, to convert power from a wall outlet into lower voltages. Over the next 30 years, these standards will help cut carbon pollution by nearly 47 million metric tons—equivalent to the annual electricity use of 6.5 million homes—and save families and businesses nearly \$4 billion on their energy bills.

Veterans in the Solar Industry

The Solar Foundation and Operation Free released a joint report, [Veterans in Solar: Securing America's Energy Future](#), highlighting the contributions of veterans to the solar industry.

Army Awards 20 Base Contracts to Renewable Energy Companies

On February 20, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers [awarded](#) another 20 base contracts to companies for renewable energy-related technologies. The contracts, including two for biomass energy, 15 for solar energy and three for wind energy, are part of a \$7 billion large-scale renewable and alternative energy power production contract. The new contracts will support the Army's achievement in meeting the energy goal of 25 percent production of energy from renewable sources by 2025, improving the energy security and sustainability of Army installations.

Solar Market has Grown, Says Trade Report

GTM Research and the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) released the report *Solar Market Insight Year in Review 2013* touting that photovoltaic (PV) installations increased 41 percent over 2012 and 410 MW of concentrating solar power came online. They found that solar was the second-largest source of new electricity generating capacity in the US, exceeded by natural gas. Furthermore, the cost to install solar fell throughout the year.