

GSA Sustainable Buildings Program

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real estate operations



GSA PORTFOLIO

8,721 total assets*

• 376.9 million sq. ft.

1,574 owned assets*

183.4 million owned sq. ft.

7,147 leased assets*

193.4 million leased sq. ft.













*As of 10/1/2014

GSA LEADERSHIP IN SUSTAINABILITY



FEDERAL MANDATES SET THE PACE: EO 13693

40%*

GHG scope 1 and 2 over 2008 baseline, by 2025

2.5% annual reduction

Energy Use Intensity over 2015 baseline, by 2025

36%

Water Use Intensity over 2007 baseline, by 2025

30%

Renewable Energy, by 2025

Net Zero

- New construction designs starting 2020 to achieve net zero by 2030 (net zero energy, net zero water/waste where feasible)
- Percentage of existing buildings, as determined by agency (net zero energy, net zero water/waste where feasible)

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January 2015 OMB Scorecard on Sustainability/Energy



Scope 1&2 GHG Emission Reduction Target

For Scope 182 GHG Reduction Target of 28.6% by 2020: 43% reduction in 2014 and on track



Scope 3 GHG Emission Reduction Target

For Scope 3 GHG Reduction Target of 14.6% by 2020: 53% reduction in 2014 and on track





Reduction in Energy Intensity

Reduction in energy intensity in goal-subject facilities compared with 2003: 27% and on track for 30% by 2015





Use of renewable energy as a percent of facility electricity use:

Total of 32.5% from renewable electricity sources including at least 3.75% from new sources
(thermal, mechanical, or electric)



Score: GREEN



Reduction in Potable Water Intensity

Reduction in potable water intensity compared with 2007: 29% and on track for 26% in 2020



Score: GREEN



Reduction in Fleet Petroleum Use

Reduction in fleet petroleum use compared to 2005: 56.3% and on track for 20% in 2015



Score: GREEN



Green Buildings

Sustainable green buildings: 15.8% of buildings sustainable





SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCIES

Avoided costs (FY14):

\$70.5 million for energy, if energy intensity was at 2003 levels

\$8.6 million for water, if water intensity was at 2007 levels

Revenues (FY14):

Through negotiated recycling sales contracts, over \$550,000 of recycling revenue distributed to Federal tenant agencies and GSA's Child Care Tuition Assistance Program



FEDERAL SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS

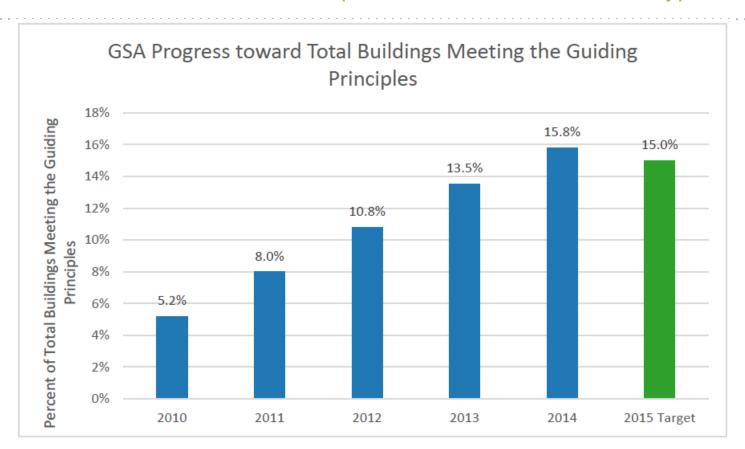
- ☐ Federal Benchmark:
 - ☐ Guiding Principles for Federal Leadership in High Performance and Sustainable Buildings

- Focus on five topic areas:
 - Employ integrated design principles (new construction)/Employ integrated assessment, operation, and management principles (existing buildings)
 - Optimize energy performance
 - Protect and conserve water
 - Enhance indoor environmental quality
 - Reduce environmental impact of materials

FEDERAL SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS

- EO 13514 Requirements:
 - Guiding Principles
 - All new construction, major renovation, or repair and alteration of federal buildings to comply
 - At least 15 percent of existing buildings (above 5,000 gross square feet) and building leases (above 5,000 more 5 gross square feet) to comply by FY 2015
 - Make annual progress toward 100-percent conformance.
- E0 13693 Updates:
 - Guiding Principles
 - CEQ to issue revisions to the Guiding Principles, which will include consideration of climate change resilience and employee and visitor wellness

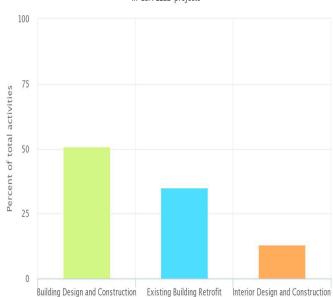
SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS (Owned & Leased Inventory)



GSA LEED BUILDINGS

Project certifications at buildings

in GSA LEED projects











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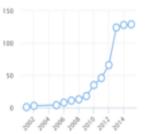
GSA utilizes a sustainable design philosophy, encouraging decisions at each phase of the design process that will reduce negative impacts on the environment and the health of the occupants, without compromising the bottom line.

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LEED

CUMULATIVE ACTIVITY COUNT BY YEAR

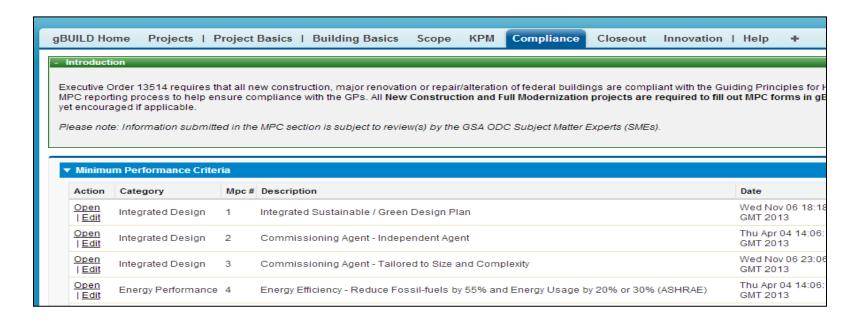


OWNED INVENTORY - SUSTAINABLE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

- PBS Facilities Standards (P100)
 - Guiding Principles for New Construction and Major Renovations
 - LEED Gold (v. 2009)
- Integrated design & peer reviews
- GSA's gBUILD project tracking tool
 - Collect and review high performance green building project information, including scope details and performance projections
 - Verify conformance with the Guiding Principles
- "On Green" performance measure

OWNED INVENTORY - SUSTAINABLE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

To track conformance with the Guiding Principles and PBS' "On Green" performance measure, project teams report Minimum Performance Criteria (MPC)* information in gBUILD



^{*}GSA's Minimum Performance Criteria (MPC) checklist tracks legal and agency mandates associated with building performance.

OWNED INVENTORY - RECOVERY ACT INVESTMENT OUTCOMES



- Recovery-funded investments are showing better energy performance than expected
 - In FY2014, the 334 buildings with completed projects used 16% less energy compared to their baseline 2008 performance
- 91 projects with on-site renewable energy
- 74 buildings earned LEED certifications
- Overall, Recovery projects buildings are expected to:
 - Use 45% less energy per square foot than the national average for commercial buildings
 - Reduce water consumption by 120 million gallons annually across 120 projects
 - Reduce GHG emissions by 365,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent

SUCCESSES & CHALLENGES - SUSTAINABLE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

SUCCESSES:

- Recovery project buildings yielding increased levels of environmental performance
- Project-delivery best practices
- First net-zero historic building
- Meeting internal 'On Green' performance measure

CHALLENGES:

- Balancing green building requirements with client agency mission goals
- Implementation of EISA Sec. 438, Storm Water Management, as there is much confusion and varied definition of what is "technically feasible"

OWNED INVENTORY - SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

- Standardized methodology to implement the Guiding Principles for Sustainable Existing Buildings
- Leverages LEED EB+OM Volume Program for Operations and Maintenance framework
- Tracking tool to document conformance
 - Two paths: Guiding Principles or LEED EB
- Training:
 - Web-based training modules
 - DOE FEMP training customized to GSA's approach

Buildings Dashboard Resource Library Region 3- Mid-Atlantic Buildings Add Building

GSA Sustainable Operations & Maintenance Tool





SUCCESSES & CHALLENGES - SUSTAINABLE O&M

SUCCESSES:

- 17.9% of the owned inventory above 5,000 sq. ft. in conformance with GPs in FY14
- Sustainable 0&M as best practice
- Educate GSA asset managers and field office personnel on sustainability requirements
- Enhanced performance likely resulted in mechanical cost savings

CHALLENGES:

- Documentation effort required of building managers and operations contractors
- Tenant engagement
- Costs associated with:
 - Ventilation testing
 - Retro-commissioning
 - Lighting and controls retrofits
 - Water fixtures retrofits

LEASED INVENTORY - MANY PATHS to GREEN LEASING

- Build-to-suit leases >= 10,000 SF <u>must</u> achieve a LEED Silver NC certification
- Leases in existing buildings <u>may</u> pursue LEED CI at the tenant agency's request
- Leases signed in buildings with a third-party green building certification
- Leases that include a specified list of mandatory green paragraphs in a lease procurement
 - Requirements related to energy efficiency, systems commissioning, water conservation, and indoor air quality.

LEASED INVENTORY - TRACKING OF GREEN LEASE PROVISIONS

- Currently manually tracking the inclusion of green lease provisions
- Relying on contractors for auditing of leasing for green lease compliance
- Working towards fully automated tracking through GSA's tool that tracks and manages the government's real property assets (GREX)

Tracking in GREX

Conformance with Energy Star requirement for leases

| If necessary, you may estimate Energy Star financial impacts or search for Energy Star buildings. | |
|---|--|
| Does this building have an energy star certification within the last 12 months? | € Yes C No |
| | |
| | Specify EPA Star Label Certification Date |
| Energy Star Equivalent Building | € Yes ○ No |
| Exempt from Energy Star | € Yes ○ No |
| Has this building provided evidence of Cost Efficient Energy and Efficiency Upgrades? | © Yes |
| Deficiencies | |
| | Please note the specific Energy Star deficiencies for this Offeror. This will populate the Review Offer Evaluation screen, as well as the decificiency letter. |
| Energy Star Label Check Completed/Submitted (No further revision required) | |
| Upload Documentation | |
| Please provide the requested documentation through the fields below. Click Browse to select a document to upload. If the document has been previously uploaded, click the link to the left of the upload box. | |
| Energy Star Compliance Evidence | Browse |
| Evidence of Cost Efficient Energy and Efficiency Upgrades | Browse |
| Efficiency Opgrades | |

SUCCESSES & CHALLENGES - GREEN LEASING

SUCCESSES:

- ☐ 16.1% of the leased portfolio above 5,000 sq. ft. GP compliant as of 1st quarter FY15
- Recurring national and regional trainings have successfully developed a skilled green leasing workforce

CHALLENGES:

- GPs were written for federally owned buildings, where the government is the sole building occupant
- Application of federal green leasing requirements in small, remote locations, with small lessors, and for unique property types
- Current tracking and auditing must be done manually

LOOKING AHEAD

 Developing implementation strategy for achieving 2025 goals set out in E0 13693

- Assessing performance of buildings meeting the Guiding Principles
 - Developing follow on to 2011 "Reassessing Green Building Performance: A Post-Occupancy Evaluation of 22 GSA Buildings" report* and GSA's "Green Building Performance" White Paper**

^{*} http://www.pnl.gov/main/publications/external/technical_reports/PNNL-19369.pdf

^{**}http://www.gsa.gov/graphics/pbs/Green_Building_Performance.pdf



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