EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

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Dear Federal Building Manager,

We write to you today to invite your participation in an exciting challenge.

President Obama has set an ambitious goal of reducing the Federal government's greenhouse gas emissions by 28 percent within the next 8 years. Meeting this goal will require great ingenuity and effort on behalf of every federal agency, installation, and employee.

With that in mind, we invite you to take part in the **Battle of the Federal Buildings**. This friendly competition will pit one Federal structure against another in an effort to determine which can most lower its energy use and emissions through creative behavioral, structural, and operational interventions. The competition is open to a wide range of building types, occupancies, and purposes, and will feature online head-to-head tracking of building progress and battle standings.

At the heart of this competition is the Better Buildings Federal Award, administered by the Department of Energy's Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP). Nominating your building is easy: just visit FEMP's website www.femp.energy.gov/services/betterbuildings.html and follow the instructions for entering.

Nominations must be approved *and* submitted by your <u>agency coordinator</u> no later than April 27, 2012, for consideration.

We look forward to learning why your building should be selected for this challenge. Many thanks for all that you do to keep our Federal agencies up and running.

Todd Park

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Sincerely.

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& Energy

¹ * http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/president-obama-sets-greenhouse-gas-emissions-reduction-target-federal-operations