

Commit to Efficiency

The Federal Campaign to Buy Energy-Efficient Products

Every year, inefficient products in the Federal Government waste almost half a billion dollars' worth of energy. In these resource-constrained times, the Commit to Efficiency campaign is a way for individuals involved in Federal purchases to make a difference.

The goal of this groundbreaking campaign is to save \$130 million worth of energy (7 trillion BTUs) by December 31, 2013.*

As a campaign participant, you can ensure the products you help buy, choose, and specify are energy-efficient through three simple steps:

1. Commit to efficiency. Register and review your free resource kit.
2. Push for efficiency. Buy and specify energy-efficient products for every purchase.
3. Spread the word! Tell your colleagues to commit to efficiency and ask your suppliers for exclusively energy-efficient products.

What Are the Benefits of Joining the Campaign?

When you register for the Federal Commit to Efficiency campaign, you join a community of problem-solving individuals who can help you meet your energy-efficient product procurement goals. Further, you'll gain an accurate record of your procurement accomplishments by notifying FEMP when you take action to buy, specify, or contract for energy-efficient products. This record can be used in performance evaluations and in interagency award nominations. Finally, you will receive recognition from FEMP, and possibly your agency, for your proven commitment to saving money and power by purchasing energy-efficient products.



Who should join? Federal procurement officials, facility managers, energy managers, architects, technical specifiers, energy auditors, building designers, and engaged building occupants. Sign up online at www.femp.energy.gov/commit. *Photo from iStock/16632870*

Benefits of joining the campaign include:

- Access to basic, intermediate, and advanced training courses
- A free records system that estimates your energy and cost savings and helps you track and share your procurement accomplishments
- Eligibility for Federal-wide and agency-specific recognition programs
- Access to peers who have successfully overcome commonly encountered barriers
- Free resources that help you easily identify compliant products and contracts and push for efficiency.

Who Should Register and Join?

Anyone who procures or specifies energy-consuming products or who influences the procurement, specifying, or sale of energy-consuming products used by the Federal Government can join the Commit to Efficiency campaign. This includes Federal procurement professionals, 1102s, contract specialists, contracting officers, facility managers, energy managers, architects, technical specifiers, energy auditors, designers, and occupants of Federal buildings. Likewise, Federal Government contractors can highlight and promote energy-efficient products when operating, maintaining, or auditing Federal facilities.

* That's the equivalent of taking more than 8,000 average-sized Federal buildings off the grid for a year. Your participation contributes to this goal by ensuring the Federal Government specifies, contracts for, and receives energy-efficient products that exceed FEMP-designated and ENERGY STAR® requirements whenever possible.

You play an important role in energy efficiency. Take the pledge and make change happen! Fill out a paper registration form or sign up online at www.femp.energy.gov/commit.

Alternatively, if you do not directly procure or specify energy-consuming products you can still support the campaign by recruiting those that do and by hosting training sessions. For more information on recruiting and hosting training, contact Amanda Sahl at amanda.sahl@ee.doe.gov or call 202-586-1662.

Are There Resources Available to Help Me Procure Energy-Efficient Products?

Once you register for the campaign, you'll receive a resource kit that includes a list of covered product categories, guidance on writing contracts and technical specifications that yield energy-efficient products, and an explanation of how minimum energy-efficiency requirements are determined. The resource kit also includes information on where to find FEMP buying guidance, cost calculators, and training. Finally, you can turn to members of the campaign community for help with procurement trouble spots.



Can My Entire Agency Commit to Efficiency?

A Federal agency can maximize its benefit from the Commit to Efficiency campaign by making agency-wide commitments. For example, an agency could:

- Set an agency-wide goal for savings reported through the campaign
- Set an agency-wide goal for participation (number of individuals)
- Encourage employees to incorporate campaign energy-savings targets into their performance plans
- Recognize outstanding campaign participants (individuals, offices, or bureaus) who save the most energy and money in the first 6 months of participating
- Share successful internal energy efficiency policies with other campaign participants.

Where Can I Learn More?

For more information about the Federal Commit to Efficiency campaign, visit www.femp.energy.gov/commit, or email Amanda Sahl at amanda.sahl@ee.doe.gov at the U.S. Department of Energy.

How Can I Sign Up?

To register for the Commit to Efficiency campaign, visit www.femp.energy.gov/commit.

Resources

When you commit to efficiency, you gain access to free resources, training, and technical assistance, such as:

- Covered Product Categories List:
www.femp.energy.gov/pdfs/eeprod_categories.pdf
- Buying Guidance:
www.femp.energy.gov/technologies/eep_purchasingspecs.html
- Cost Calculators:
www.femp.energy.gov/technologies/eep_eccalculators.html
- New and Underutilized Technologies:
www.femp.energy.gov/technologies/new_technologies.html
- Outreach and Training:
www.femp.energy.gov/training/
- Commit to Efficiency Campaign:
www.femp.energy.gov/commit
- Standby Power Data Center:
www.femp.energy.gov/technologies/standby_power.aspx

FEMP is here to help. Resources are consistently updated and supplemented, so visit the FEMP website at www.femp.energy.gov/procurement often. For more information about energy-efficient product procurement, contact Amanda Sahl at amanda.sahl@ee.doe.gov.

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