

Federal Energy and Water Management AWARDS 2013



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The newly reformed Regional Energy and Sustainability Branch of GSA's National Capital Region supports 95.6 million rentable square feet of space in 190 Federally-owned buildings. The Branch is responsible for writing energy and water saving policies and procedures and overseeing their implementation; tracking effects on regional energy and water efficiency; performing energy audits; and coordinating energy and water efficiency projects throughout the region. In FY 2012 the Region's energy and water intensity improved by 9 percent and 6 percent respectively from the prior year, with utility cost savings of more than \$10 million.

The Branch realized savings by implementing multiple projects over the past two years, including a new regional energy policy; a monthly energy newsletter; a robust energy audit program; energy efficiency rebates; energy savings performance contracting guidance; a solar renewable energy credit sale program; Energy Star certification; a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification program for existing buildings; and an incentivized energy funding account. In addition to the day-to-day efforts of the small expert team, these programs were accomplished at an investment cost of only \$30,000.