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Be an early adopter! Nominate your building to test new green technologies

Last fall, the City released a Request for Proposals for METS - the **Municipal Entrepreneurial Testing System** - which invited firms to test new green technologies in municipal buildings. The METS Advisory Committee has selected several products for testing and DCAS Energy Management (DEM) is asking agencies to identify appropriate City-owned or -operated facilities where the products can be installed and monitored. A description of the four products is attached to this email. All that is required of the agency is to provide access to the installed equipment; each firm will be performing all equipment testing and monitoring. Please respond to Melissa Wright Ellis (mwellis@dcas.nyc.gov) by Friday, Jan 27th if one of your facilities might be a good fit for any one of these four innovative products.

New FY12 incentive program for building biofuel use

DEM is excited to announce a PlaNYC pilot incentive program for biofuel use in City facilities. Because the combustion of biofuel releases fewer GHG emissions than residual heating oil, PlaNYC funding will be used to reimburse City agencies for the cost premium of building biofuel purchases in FY12.

FY12 PlaNYC Pilot Incentive Program Basics

- DEM will distribute PlaNYC funding to reimburse City agencies for the cost premium of building biofuel (bioheat) at a fixed rate of \$.047 per percentage unit of biofuel per gallon, e.g. \$.24/gallon of B5.
- The FY12 pilot program total available for all requests is \$2,000,000. Requests will be accepted until the funding limit is reached.
- Requests will be approved on a "first come, first served" basis through April 1, 2012.
- DEM will notify you on an ongoing basis that your agency's requests for reimbursement have been approved. DEM will provide final approval for funding transfers pending review of fuel delivery records in April 2012.
- All building biofuel purchases made in FY12 are eligible for cost premium reimbursement including those made before the announcement of this program.
- All PlaNYC reimbursements will be directed to the OTPS expense budget codes that you specify in your request.
- The contract to be used for these purchases is the Metro Fuel Oil Corporation contract number 3187221 for bioheating oil #2 and bioheating oil, B100.

How to Submit PlaNYC Funding Requests for FY12 Building Biofuel Purchases

Send requests to Jason Bocchinfuso at jbocchinfuso@dcas.nyc.gov by April 1, 2012. Provide the following information in your agency's requests:

- Total gallons of each FY12 building biofuel purchase
- Percentage building biofuel (e.g. B5) of each FY12 purchase
- Building biofuel purchase date(s) in FY12
- OTPS budget codes where the reimbursement(s) should be transferred in late April 2012

Note that DEM may require additional documentation to verify the purchases before funding is transferred to your agency's budget in April.

Questions?

Please direct all questions regarding the FY12 PlaNYC pilot biofuel incentive program to Melissa Wright Ellis at mwellis@dcas.nyc.gov. For more information on how to purchase building biofuel please contact Veronica Vanderpool at vvanderpool@dcas.nyc.gov.

Earth Hour is March 31st at 8:30pm

The seventh annual Earth Hour is scheduled for Saturday March 31st at 8:30pm. Earth Hour is a one-hour environmental event when cities and citizens across the globe switch off their lights to demonstrate their commitment to climate change action. If your agency is interested in joining the effort, please email Sarah Mencher (smencher@dcas.nyc.gov) so we can keep track of which NYC buildings will participate. For more information, please see <http://www.earthhour.org/>.

Spotlight: Sanitation remembers to Switch it Off!

The Department of Sanitation has hung 20" x 30" "Switch it Off" posters on the back of office exit doors to remind employees to turn off lights and computer monitors on their way out of the office each day. Sanitation's Energy Manager reports receiving positive feedback and has expanded the effort to facilities in all five boroughs.

If you have creative ideas for motivating your agency's staff to reduce energy waste, contact Sarah Mencher (smencher@dcas.nyc.gov) to discuss the development of specialized outreach materials.

