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**NYC Benchmarking Report released**

DCAS Energy Management is happy to announce the release of an analytical report on energy benchmark scores of 2,730 City buildings, which includes every City-owned building of 10,000 square feet or larger. This represents one of the largest groups of buildings ever benchmarked. The benchmarking process provides a detailed understanding of building energy use that allows the City's energy efficiency efforts to be targeted for the greatest impact. This benchmarking milestone is a requirement of the landmark Greener Greater Buildings Plan, passed by the City Council and signed into law by the Mayor in 2009. The Energy Benchmarking Report is posted online: <http://on.nyc.gov/tj8Pd1>

Since 2009, DCAS has worked with 28 City agencies to verify and update existing building attribute datasets. Agency building management teams signed off on all building data used for benchmarking. DCAS is currently working to make sure that the benchmarking data is as accurate as possible. As you review your agencies' results, please let us know if you have more accurate or updated information.

DCAS is responsible for benchmarking facilities for which the City pays all or part of the energy bills. If your agency receives notices from DOB or DOF regarding compliance with the benchmarking law, Local Law 84 of 2009, please contact us at [energy@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto:energy@dcas.nyc.gov).

**Interruptible Gas Accounts**

If your facilities have interruptible (natural gas) heating, please ensure that all equipment is functioning correctly and fuel tanks are full to facilitate the switch to fuel oil when an interruption is required. Use the DEM check list (attached) to review requirements. For facilities in National Grid territory, be prepared for a test on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6AM, scheduled to last 8 hours. Remember, a failure to switch during the test counts as a regular failure and may result in financial penalties.

**Small Building RFP Released**

DCAS has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for private companies to assist in developing an efficient and cost-effective plan for improving the energy performance of the City's Small Buildings portfolio, which consists of approximately 800 buildings smaller than 50,000 sq ft. The RFP calls for program planning and development, program administration, and energy efficiency project implementation services starting with a pre-identified group of buildings.

There will be an optional Pre-Proposal Conference on Tuesday November 29, 2011 at 10 AM at One Centre Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor Pre-Bid Room, NY NY 10007. Proposals must be received on or before 12:00 PM on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012. To download the RFP, vendors must register their contact information on the City Record website at <http://www.nyc.gov/cityrecord>, and search for PIN # 85610P0014.

### **NYC Energy Code training**

The Department of Buildings has posted the NYC Energy Code training presentation online for anyone who wants to learn about the City's new energy code requirements. You can find the training modules online here: [http://www.nyc.gov/html/dob/html/reference/nycecc\\_main.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dob/html/reference/nycecc_main.shtml) The New York City Energy Conservation Code applies to all new building and alteration applications filed on or after July 1, 2010. The updated 2011 NYCECC, based on the 2010 ECCCNY, affects all applications filed on or after December 28, 2010.

### **Annual Energy Team meeting re-cap**

We heard from many of you that this year's Annual Energy Team meeting was informative and inspiring! We'd like to thank Fire, Police, Correction, Sanitation, Parks & Rec, Transportation, and Education for their valuable contributions to the discussion about ways to use the City's various energy management tools.



For those of you on Facebook and Twitter, please be sure to “like” and “follow” us online to get regular updates on the City's GHG reduction projects!

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[www.facebook.com/energyNYC](http://www.facebook.com/energyNYC)

### **Kill-A-Watt meters: How are we doing?**

At the Annual Energy Team meeting in October, DEM distributed 50 Kill-A-Watt meters to agencies for monitoring the energy usage of electric equipment. We'd like to know – have they been useful? How

many do you have and how are you using them? Please write to [energy@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto:energy@dcas.nyc.gov) with your successes and challenges.

### Leaving? Switch it Off!

Distribute the attached PDF flyer to remind your colleagues to switch off lights and computer monitors when they leave a conference room, a common area, or their desk. Let us know if you'd like small or large posters produced for display at your workplace: [energy@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto:energy@dcas.nyc.gov).

