

Green Building Committee Update

LEED-NC

- A Governor's Office Action Request (GOAR) to augment the Capital Outlay budgets of 7 projects currently underway so that they can receive LEED-NC Silver certification is nearing approval.

LEED-EB

- Block 225 will be ready in July 2006 for submittal for Platinum certification
- DGS staff is developing a standardized facility management manual that will include material that will earn State buildings up to 30 LEED-EB credits if they utilize it.

Benchmarking and Baseline

- DGS staff is entering info into the US Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star Portfolio Manager (PM) system and will have data on all 51 DGS-owned buildings, going back to 2003, entered by the end of the month.
- Fred Aguiar will be sending a letter to all department directors in early January that instructs them on how to enter their data to the PM program.

Retrocommissioning (RCx)

- Teale Data Center – The RCx team will select a contractor from the responses to their recent Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
- Buildings Larger than 50,000 Square Feet – A Budget Change Proposal (BCP) for \$5 million to retrocommission 40 buildings from various State agencies is at the Department of Finance.
- Building Tune-Up Program –
 - 3 buildings under the PG&E program are 70 – 80% complete
 - 4 buildings are planned for 2006 but have not been scheduled by PG&E
 - 6 buildings are under analysis for a tune-up from SMUD

Solar PV Projects

- DGS is reviewing the plans of 4 projects for code compliance
- Southern CA projects have received time extensions from the SCE Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) program administrator on project delivery due date.
- Two projects are waiting for SGIP funding.
- One project is under relocation to another site on a different campus.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the US Green Building Council (USGBC)

- An MOU that will provide for weekly advisory meetings, discounted fees, resource guides, and other benefits will be signed this month.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP)

- Best Practices Manual - will provide guidance to various levels of purchasers on how to select, specify, and purchase environmentally preferable products. Online late December, 2005
- Recycle Content Copier Paper – Administrative Order under review in the Procurement Division (PD) calls for:
 - 100% post consumer recycled content
 - Double-sided copying
 - Electronic communication
- Low Mercury Fluorescent Tubes – PD bidding a contract mandating that wherever low mercury tubes are available the State will purchase them
- Gold Carpet Standard – A Management Memo awaits approval that will establish minimum requirements for the material emissions, recycled content, and manufacturer end-life-recycling for all carpet purchased by State agencies.

Energy Star Leasing

- Ads now include the prerequisite that buildings have an Energy Star rating
- BPM staff has sent letters to current lessors, advising them that Energy Star ratings are recommended and necessary for lease renewals.
- A mailing to all potential bidders occurred, notifying them that Energy Star ratings are required for State leases.