

DGS Honored with “Green Leadership” Award

The Department of General Services won a Green California Leadership Award at the 2012 Green California Summit in the category of “Climate Change” for its statewide renewable energy program.

The program was designed by DGS to take advantage of the well-established third-party ownership model within the solar industry.

The program also breaks new ground with the same third-party model for wind, solar thermal, and combined-heat-and-power systems.

The program has resulted in the construction of large-scale solar arrays at CSU campuses, state prisons, and state hospitals with no up-front capital expenditure by the state.

The power generated by these systems is then purchased by the host facility and used on-site at a cost less than that paid to utility provider which results in a savings over the term of the contract.

The Green California Leadership Awards were established as a forum to recognize outstanding environmental achievements in government. The Green California Summit was held April 26-27 in Sacramento.

The Department of General Services acts as the business manager for the State of California. DGS helps state government better serve the public by providing services to state agencies including procurement and acquisition solutions, real estate management, leasing and design services, environmentally friendly transportation, and architectural oversight and funding for the construction of safe schools.