# FEC Team Building and Mentoring

July 2011 FEC Partner Teleconference

### Agenda

- Team Building
- Baseline Survey
- Message Development
- Implementation
- Measuring Success
- Achieving Recognition
- Mentoring
- Resources and Contact information

### Team Building

#### Develop

- Recruit crossfunctional team
- Identify program lead
- Record contact information
- Assign roles and responsibilities

#### Maintain

- Meet regularly
- Update team as staff change
- Keep contact information up to date
- Review and update roles and responsibilities

### Possible Team Members

- Program lead
- Personnel from:
  - Acquisition and procurement, Contracting
  - Information technology
  - Property management
  - Facilities management
  - > Environmental, energy management

Expertise helps! Include team members from all life-cycle phases

### Baseline Survey

#### Complete

- Collect data that is available
- No right or wrong answers
- Complete and submit Baseline Survey

#### **Utilize**

- Assess your current activities
- Identify strengths and weaknesses
- Identify priorities and help set goals
- Compare against annual reporting data



Show progress! The Baseline Survey provides your starting point

### Tips for the Baseline Survey

- Look for a variety of data sources
  - Team members
  - Contracts and leases
  - Property management systems
  - Property disposal forms
  - GSA documentation or reports
  - Policies, procedures and guidance
- Don't sweat the details
  - See what you can find and note what's not available
  - Estimates or round numbers are acceptable

### Message Development

#### Broadcast

- Share with management and facility
- Host a special event
- Publicize internally and externally
- Provide resources to employees
- Train

#### Build

- Find the right message
- Examine existing documents
  - Executive Order (E.O.)13514
  - Agency StrategicSustainability PerformancePlan
  - Environmental
     Management System
     (EMS)
  - Baseline Survey



Get support! Use your message to gain management buy-in

# Tips for Message Development

#### Examples:

- Electronics pose challenging environmental problems that need to be addressed at our facility
- Responsible electronics management can save money, reduce liability, and help us meet environmental goals
- We must meet the federal requirements of E.O. 13514 and will be evaluated in our Agency's Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan

#### Involve everyone

- Almost all employees use electronics
- Electronics stewardship is everyone's responsibility

### Implementation

#### Plan

- Review E.O. 13514 goals
- Read your agency's plan
- Consider a facility plan
- Think about facility goals
- Develop a schedule

#### Do

- Follow agency requirements and guidance
- Utilize FEC resources
- Stay flexible
- Record activities
- Share experiences and results



Stay on track! A schedule and plan can help you achieve your goals

### Tips for Implementation

- Focus on E.O. 13514 goals and your agency's goals and requirements
- Implement award checklist activities
- Follow best practices outlined in FEC resources
- Participate in FEC teleconferences and the listserve
- Mentor another federal facility or agency
- Track and report progress

### Measuring Success

#### Calculate

- Use data from Baseline Survey or Annual Reporting Form
- Use the Electronics Environmental Benefits Calculator

#### **Utilize**

- Share with management and facility
- Publicize internally and externally
- Consider applying for an award



Do the calculations! You might be surprised by the significant results

### Tips for Measurement

- Use existing data and tools
  - Convert results into relatable equivalents (e.g., number of cars taken off the road)

- Share and publicize results
  - Measurable results support continued efforts and provide positive feedback
  - Results may be used for performance measurement

### Achieving Recognition

#### **Prepare**

- Review the award criteria
- Use checklists to record activities
- Emphasize national recognition

#### Achieve

Apply for an award

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- Develop internal awards
- Highlight achievements

### Tips for Recognition

- Plan early! Review the award criteria and contact FEC with any questions
- Keep track of your activities throughout the year using the checklist
- Save supporting documentation

# Help Through Mentoring

### **Direct Support**

- Reach out to any federal agency or facility
- Mentee does not have to be a partner

#### Other Options

- Case study
- Resource
- Present on partner call

# Tips for Mentoring

• The FEC needs case studies!

- Check mentoring requirements
  - http://www.epa.gov/fec/resources/mentor. pdf

### Resources

- 10 Easy Steps for a Successful Federal Electronics Challenge Partnership
- http://www.epa.gov/fec/resources/10steps.pdf
- Electronics Environmental Benefits Calculator
- http://www.epa.gov/fec/publications.html#calculator
- Other FEC Resources
- http://www.epa.gov/fec/publications.html

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