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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS LEVERAGING ENERGY STAR (UPDATED JUNE 3, 2009)

State and local governments across the country are taking bold steps to protect the environment and lower energy costs by adopting policies that leverage EPA's ENERGY STAR tools to reduce energy use in commercial buildings, through both required policy measures and voluntary campaigns. This document provides a summary of state and local efforts that refer to ENERGY STAR tools, such as Target Finder to set whole building energy performance targets in new building design or Portfolio Manager to track energy use, energy costs, and carbon emissions in existing buildings.

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POLICIES LEVERAGING ENERGY STAR TOOLS

State/Municipality	Policy	Summary
Borough of West Chester, PA	Borough Ordinance	This Ordinance requires new commercial construction to be Designed to Earn the ENERGY STAR and benchmarked annually in EPA's Portfolio Manager .
City of Austin, TX	ECAD Ordinance for Owners of Commercial Buildings	Austin's Energy Conservation Audit and Disclosure Ordinance requires that eligible commercial facilities calculate their energy performance ratings not later than June 16, 2011, using a rating system approved by the director of the Austin Electric Utility. Facilities must disclose this information to a purchaser or prospective purchaser of the facility before the time of sale. The City has defined EPA's Portfolio Manager as the approved system for buildings with more than 5,000 square feet of space.
City of Denver, CO	Executive Order 123	Executive Order 123 requires new construction and major renovations of existing and future city-owned and operated buildings to be Designed to Earn the ENERGY STAR and benchmarked in EPA's Portfolio Manager .
District of Columbia	Green Building Act of 2006 Clean and Affordable Energy Act of 2008	The Green Building Act of 2006 requires District-owned commercial buildings to be "Designed to achieve 75 points on the EPA national energy performance rating system as determined by the ENERGY STAR Target Finder tool" and benchmarked annually in EPA's Portfolio Manager . The Clean and Affordable Energy Act of 2008 requires that, beginning in 2010, eligible privately-owned commercial buildings be benchmarked using Portfolio Manager on an annual basis. Statements of energy performance will be published on a publicly available online database.
State of CA	AB 1103, 2007	Assembly Bill 1103 requires, as of January 1, 2009, electric and gas utilities to maintain and make available to building owners the energy consumption data of all nonresidential buildings in a format compatible for uploading to EPA's Portfolio Manager . It also requires, as of January 1, 2010, that a nonresidential building owner or operator disclose Portfolio Manager benchmarking data and ratings to a prospective buyer, lessee, or lender as part of a whole-building transaction.
State of MI	EO 2005-4, 2005	Executive Order 2005-4 requires the Department of Management and Budget to establish an energy efficiency savings target for all state buildings managed by the Department or another department or agency within the Executive Branch of state government. It requires that all state buildings occupied by state employees be benchmarked using EPA's Portfolio Manager .
State of OH	EO 2007-02	Executive Order 2007-02 establishes that the State of Ohio will use EPA's Portfolio Manager as the benchmarking tool for state-owned facilities to establish building baselines and measure and track energy use and carbon emissions within the state.
State of WA	SB 5854 - 2009-10	SB 5854 - 2009-10 requires qualifying utilities to maintain records of energy data of all nonresidential customers and qualifying public agency buildings in a format compatible with EPA's Portfolio Manager . The State will use Portfolio Manager for state-owned facilities and make resulting energy performance metrics publically available. Beginning in 2010, eligible privately-owned commercial buildings are required to be benchmarked using Portfolio Manager and resulting metrics will be disclosed to a prospective buyer, lessee, or lender. For new construction, the WA Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development must determine the appropriate methodology to measure achievement of state energy code targets using EPA's Target Finder or equivalent methodology.

CAMPAIGNS AND INCENTIVE PROGRAMS LEVERAGING ENERGY STAR TOOLS

State/Municipality	Program/Campaign	Summary
City of Albuquerque, NM	Green Path Program	This program encourages and facilitates voluntary design and construction of energy-efficient buildings that meet measurable criteria, which includes earning Designed to Earn the ENERGY STAR through EPA's Target Finder .
City of Chicago, IL	Chicago Green Office Challenge	Participants in the Chicago Green Office Challenge will use EPA's Portfolio Manager to track energy and water use and compile results at the end of the contest period.
City of Louisville, KY	Louisville Kilowatt Crackdown	Participants in the Louisville Kilowatt Crackdown will track and work to improve their building's energy use in EPA's Portfolio Manager . The competition is open to owners and managers of all commercial buildings in the city.
City of Portland, OR	BOMA Energy Showdown	Participants in the BOMA Portland Office Energy Showdown will track and work to improve their building's energy use in EPA's Portfolio Manager . The competition is open to owners and managers of commercial offices.
City of San Francisco, CA	Earth Hour 24x7 Energy Challenge	Participants in the San Francisco Earth Hour 24x7 Energy Challenge will track and work to improve their building's energy use in EPA's Portfolio Manager . The competition is open to owners and managers of office buildings, hotels, retail stores, hospitals, medical office buildings, supermarkets, and schools.
City of Seattle and King County, WA	BOMA Kilowatt Crackdown	Participants in the BOMA Seattle/King County Kilowatt Crackdown will track and work to improve their building's energy use in EPA's Portfolio Manager . The competition is open to owners and managers of commercial offices.
State of NM	HB 534: Sustainable Building Tax Credits	To qualify for income tax credits, applicants must demonstrate that the commercial building is 50 percent more efficient than an average building of the same type using EPA's Target Finder .
State of NJ	NJ Pay for Performance Program	Under the Pay for Performance program, commercial building owners are given technical assistance with developing and implementing an Energy Reduction Plan to reduce energy use by 15 percent or more. Participants benchmark energy use in EPA's Portfolio Manager to verify the required 15 percent threshold savings.
State Of NJ	NJ Local Government Energy Audit Program	The Local Government Energy Audit Program provides local governments with cost-subsidized energy audits for municipal- and local government- owned facilities to identify cost-justified energy efficiency measures. Participants benchmark energy use in EPA's Portfolio Manager to target and verify savings.
New England EPA Region 1	EPA Region 1 Community Energy Challenge	This campaign challenges communities across New England to assess energy use, improve energy efficiency, and promote energy efficiency and renewable energy to local companies. Communities that take part in the New England Community Energy Challenge are provided with assistance, including Web-based training on EPA's Portfolio Manager .
State of PA	PA Small Business Energy Efficiency Grants	The PA Small Business Energy Efficiency Grant program makes funds available to for-profit small businesses that are completing eligible energy efficiency improvements. Applicants must benchmark in EPA's Portfolio Manager to provide projected energy savings and energy consumption data before and after the completion of the energy efficiency upgrade.
State of WI	WI Lt. Governor ENERGY STAR School Challenge	This program challenges 100 new WI school districts to join as ENERGY STAR partners and reduce energy use by 10 percent or more across their building portfolios. Participating school districts agree to measure and track energy performance using EPA's Portfolio Manager and set goals and plan improvements based on ENERGY STAR Guidelines for Energy Management .