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**WHITE HOUSE HONORS FEDERAL AGENCY AND POSTAL SERVICE  
TEAMS FOR SAVING ENERGY AND REDUCING ENERGY COSTS**

**Washington, D.C.** –In conjunction with the President’s National Energy Policy, The White House today honored five energy management teams from the Department of Defense, Health and Human Services, and the United States Postal Service for their leadership in the conservation of energy. These teams, including more than 40 Federal employees and contractors, are responsible for efforts that have resulted in annual savings equivalent to the energy used in more than 13,000 typical homes (1.3 trillion Btu).

“These winners contributed significantly to the energy and dollar savings achieved by the federal government and to meeting federal energy reduction goals. Most importantly, the winners set great examples for the rest of the federal government about what is possible and achievable with proper attention and focus,” said Clay Johnson III, Deputy Director of Management for The Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Deputy Director Johnson was responsible for reviewing the nominations submitted by the Department of Energy’s Federal Energy Management Program and recommending the award recipients to the President.

Recognized at the fourth annual ceremony were energy teams from the Army, Navy, and Air Force; the Department of Health and Human Services Federal Drug Administration, and the United States Postal Service, Pacific area.

The Presidential Awards for Leadership in Federal Energy Management, established by Executive Order 13123, support President Bush’s National Energy Policy which calls for America to modernize conservation efforts, increase energy supplies, accelerate the protection and improvement of the environment, and increase our nation’s energy security. The Policy specifically directs Executive Branch departments and agencies to conserve energy use in their facilities.

The five winning teams of the 2003 Presidential Awards for Leadership in Federal Energy Management received them in the following categories:

**OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE:**

**U.S. Department of Defense, Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
Washington, DC**

In its model program, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Energy Program demonstrated outstanding overall performance in energy management and saved over 900 billion Btu per year, enough energy for 8,900 typical homes. The NAVFAC Energy Program used alternative financing mechanisms to fund energy efficiency improvements that produce significant guaranteed energy cost savings; installed renewable energy technologies and highly energy-efficient cogeneration plants, reducing dependence on power from the electric grid; used sustainable building design standards in planning for construction of all new buildings; and developed internet-based energy reporting tools to better track (and ultimately reduce) energy use and costs.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration,  
Jefferson Laboratories Division of Facilities Engineering  
Arkansas**

The Division of Facilities Engineering at the Food and Drug Administration's Jefferson Laboratories has been aggressively pursuing energy savings on campus for more than 20 years, reflecting the dedication and long-term commitment of top management. Some specific projects include equipment retrofits and conservation actions identified by the industrial assessment audit, a natural gas procurement agreement reducing costs by 21.5 percent, lighting retrofits, and a comprehensive district cooling system upgrade for the entire campus.

**INSTITUTIONALIZATION:**

**United States Postal Service, Pacific Area Energy Management Program  
California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands**

The U.S. Postal Service Pacific Area's Strategic Energy Management Plan enables the USPS to save millions of dollars in energy costs, significantly reduce electricity consumption, and mitigate the impact of USPS operations on the environment. The Plan created a framework that includes an effective administrative structure, energy management tools for data collection and reporting to management and staff, performance goals, contractual vehicles, and implementation tools to evaluate and complete numerous energy efficiency projects.

**OUTREACH:**

**U.S. Department of Defense, Department of the Army, 7th Infantry Division  
Fort Carson, Colorado**

Compared to the previous year, Fort Carson avoided costs of more than \$2.3 million on its utility bills for electricity, natural gas, and water. Fort Carson achieved this success with a comprehensive energy program based on a “top-down” Command emphasis on energy awareness and forward-thinking project implementation. Nearly 250 persons from Fort Carson, the local community, the state government, and other interested parties participated in a three-day conference to establish 25-year sustainability goals for Fort Carson. Twelve long-term goals were established which included goals for increased renewable energy use, improved energy efficiency, and significant water usage reductions.

**RESULTS:**

**U.S. Department of Defense, Dyess Air Force Base, 7th Engineer and 7th Contracting  
Squadrons  
Texas**

The energy program at Dyess Air Force Base is saving 79 billion Btu annually (equivalent to the energy used in 940 households in the region). Their efforts have also eliminated more than 83 percent of greenhouse gases emitted by Dyess Air Force Base prior to the implementation of their program. Among the Base’s many efforts was the procurement of 100 percent of its electricity from renewable wind resources. This is the largest purchase of renewable power ever made.

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