

Louisville Invitation Letter

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Recipient
Building Manager
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Dear Recipient:

I was among the first mayors to sign the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement on behalf of Louisville in 2005. Since then, more than 700 mayors have also signed this bold agreement pledging to reduce emissions in cities by seven percent over 1990 levels by 2012.

A natural place for us to begin is in our own buildings. Buildings use \$200 billion worth of electricity and natural gas each year, and the energy used by commercial and industrial buildings in the U.S. is responsible for nearly 50 percent of our national emissions of greenhouse gases.

We've taken a solid first step. The US Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR Program has named Louisville Metro Government as one of its ten new priority partners. That means we'll work closely with ENERGY STAR to reduce our energy consumption. We'll educate businesses and citizens about energy efficiency, and we'll encourage businesses to take the ENERGY STAR Challenge.

The ENERGY STAR Challenge is a national call-to-action to improve the energy efficiency of commercial and industrial buildings by 10 percent or more. We think that's an attainable goal for our businesses in Louisville, and we invite you to join us and ENERGY STAR representatives to learn how your business can benefit. Louisville is one of fewer than five cities that ENERGY STAR will visit as part of its pilot program. Their visit promises to offer responsible, realistic ways we can make a difference in improving our city.

I hope you'll join me for this ENERGY STAR partnership meeting on December 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Muhammad Ali Center Auditorium, 144 North 6th Street, second floor, and feel free to bring your building managers with you for this important session. We'll discuss how your business and employees could benefit from starting a program of your own. Please RSVP to Cass Harris, our Environmental Coordinator, at 574-8439 by Dec. 7. If you are unable to attend, please send a representative.

A project this large requires a strong public and private partnership. Together, I am sure we can make significant improvements to our community. I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Jerry E. Abramson
Mayor

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