



# ***DOE and Green Computing:***



## ***The Department of Energy And Electronics Stewardship***

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# DOE and Electronics: Background



DOE is fourth largest purchaser of electronics hardware + services among federal civilian agencies.

DOE has 40+ major sites doing world class science research, nuclear defense, energy security & environmental remediation programs.

DOE M&O contactors operate sites under federal oversight with high level of independence & decentralized purchasing. Directives must be incorporated into contracts. Not a command-and-control culture.

DOE jointly owns Energy Star program with EPA. 2



# Goal: Become a Federal Leader in Electronics Stewardship



## Strategies:

- 1) Dedicate Staff, Train Leadership, Be a Pioneer and Early Adopter.
- 2) Integrate EPEAT into Procurement Requirements.
- 3) Commitment to Best Practices Includes Energy Saving Operations and Environmentally Safe Disposition.
- 4) Seek Recognition for Achievement.



# DOE Achievement in Electronics Stewardship



## External and Internal Recognition:

- First Federal Agency to Achieve Electronics Stewardship 'Green Status' in OMB Environmental Scorecard
- First White House Closing the Circle Award Winner for Electronic Stewardship
- Two-time Agency Award Winner: White House Electronics Reuse and Recycling Campaign
- 21 Facility Electronics Stewardship Awards for FEC, ERRC: 2006-08
- 2008 DOE CIO Managerial Excellence Award



## DOE Electronics Stewardship Leadership (Part 1)



- DOE signs MOU to join Federal Electronics Challenge (FEC) 11/04
- Dedicated staff assigned to Green Computing 2/05.
- Outreach and training: monthly agency environmental conference calls, property management conferences, IT conferences, meetings, newsletters, etc.
- DOE CIO memo encourages FEC participation and green purchasing, 6/05.



## DOE Electronics Stewardship Leadership (Part 2)



- HQ organizes Green Computing Team: environmental, IT, procurement, and property management staff Summer 2005.
- Twenty major DOE sites join FEC 2005-08, representing two-thirds of operations and personnel.
- Almost all DOE sites incorporate green electronics practices into Environmental Management Systems (EMS) 2007-08.



## DOE Among Earliest EPEAT Adopters



- Revised Order 450.1 *Environmental Protection Program*, requires green computer purchasing, expresses preference for EPEAT-registered products, promotes integration of electronics stewardship (including purchasing) into EMS. 12/05.
- CIO procurement specifications make DOE Headquarters first major Federal facility to specify EPEAT computers and monitors: Winter 2005-06.
- DOE Procurement Acquisition Letter requests sites prepare to implement EPEAT Spring 2006 – three months before EPEAT roll-out.
- DOE purchases of >10,000 EPEAT certified computers in first 3 months of EPEAT operations exceed \$10M.



# DOE Greens IT Operations and Disposition



- Headquarters consolidates seventeen IT offices into a single centralized IT operation: 2005-07
- CIO encourages computer life extension: Average CPU age exceeds four years by 2007 .
- Secretarial “TEAM” Initiative to meet or exceed E.O. 13423 goals requires sites reduce computing energy use, including data centers: Fall 2007.
- Headquarters and other sites adopt facility power management controls: 2006-08.





## DOE Tracks Procurement and Disposition



- DOE expands its Pollution Prevention Tracking and Recording System to include FEC annual reporting questions, including EPEAT purchasing and green disposition data: FY06.
- DOE becomes first federal department to accurately track both EPEAT procurement and green disposition of surplus computers for entire agency: FY07
- FY07 DOE results: 95% EPEAT purchasing, 98% reuse and recycling of surplus computers, demonstrating compliance with EO 13423 requirements for 2010.



# New Goals For DOE and Green Computing



- Incorporate E.O.13423 electronics stewardship requirements into new revision of DOE Order 450.1 *Environmental Protection Program*: 5/2008.
- Maintain 'Green Status' in OMB Scorecard and comply with EO 13423 2010 requirements.
- DOE will strive to be first federal agency in total FEC Partnership, including all 40+ major sites: 2008-2009



# Building A Federal Electronics Stewardship Program



- Actively participate in FEC and its resources: teleconferences, training, conference meetings.
- Seek Recognition and Awards from OFEE +FEC
- Request EPEAT training and technical assistance from Green Electronics Council, FEC, and EPA.
- Organize your cross-functional Electronic Stewardship Team to include procurement, property management, and IT leadership.
- Build Green Computing strategies into EMS.
- Be a pioneer and early adopter.



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