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**District Among Top Three Most Energy-Efficient U.S. Cities in 2015**  
*DCSEU Recognized as Best Practice for the Second Consecutive Year*

(WASHINGTON, D.C., May 27, 2015) – The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) announced the results of its [2015 City Energy Efficiency Scorecard](#) rankings last week, naming the District of Columbia as the third most energy-efficient city out of 51 cities in the country.

The District soared into the top tier, surpassing cities well-known for their sustainability efforts, including Portland, San Francisco, and Seattle. DC achieved a significant score increase in the 2015 Scorecard—up 20 points from 2013—resulting in the city also being named as *the* most improved energy-efficient city on the list. This achievement is attributed in part to the success of the DC Sustainable Energy Utility (DCSEU) and the District’s overall sustainability plan, Sustainable DC. The DCSEU is under contract to the District Department of the Environment (DDOE).

DDOE Director, Tommy Wells said, “I am proud that the Department continues to be a catalyst in positioning the District as one of the country’s most sustainable and energy-efficient cities. Our ranking is a direct example of what can happen when stakeholders and governments collaborate to leverage resources that support a common mission. Energy efficiency is the most cost-effective way to successfully build upon Mayor Bowser’s environmental efforts for the District of Columbia and the District Department of the Environment will continue to work with our partners and stakeholders to ensure these important goals are met.”

The 2015 City Energy Efficiency Scorecard ranks the nation’s most populated cities on their energy efficiency practices and policies. It compares cities across five policy areas: community-wide initiatives, local government operations, building policies, energy and water utilities, and transportation policies. For the second year in a row, the DCSEU has been listed as a best practice for the District in reaching its energy efficiency goals.

“Our city is being recognized as a model that will directly influence how our nation approaches issues and policies that build a more sustainable and energy-efficient future. We are proud to be recognized as one of the top three most energy-efficient cities in the country, but our goal is to be number one,” added Ted Trabue, Managing Director of the DCSEU.

The District continues to be recognized for its laudable efforts in sustainability and energy efficiency. Last year, DC moved up nine spaces in ACEEE’s State Energy Efficiency Scorecard rankings, making it one of the most-

improved states in the country. Recently, DC was also recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for having the most ENERGY STAR®-certified buildings in the country.

The full ACEEE report is available online at <http://aceee.org/research-report/u1502>.

### **About the District Department of the Environment (DDOE)**

The District Department of the Environment (DDOE) improves the quality of life for the residents and natural inhabitants of the nation's capital by protecting and restoring the environment, conserving our natural resources, mitigating pollution, reducing energy consumption, increasing renewable energy generation and clean power usage, and educating the public on ways to secure a sustainable future.

### **About the DC Sustainable Energy Utility (DCSEU)**

The District of Columbia Sustainable Energy Utility (DCSEU) helps DC residents and businesses use less energy and save money. Since 2011, the DCSEU has delivered financial incentives, technical assistance, and information to tens of thousands of District residents and businesses, helping them to save millions of dollars on their energy costs. The DCSEU's work is building a brighter economic and environmental future for the District. Visit [www.dcseu.com](http://www.dcseu.com) for more information.

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