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## **Jobs Created, Energy Saved, Sustainability Increased: DC SEU Highlights for 2012**

*DC Sustainable Energy Utility Supports Local Job Creation, Energy Efficiency, and Renewable Energy Investments*

**January 3, 2013 (Washington, D.C.)** – The DC Sustainable Energy Utility (DC SEU) created 43 jobs, saved enough electricity to power 2,000 homes for a year, and invested \$4.7 million in energy efficiency improvements for low-income District residents in 2012. These are some of the results revealed in the DC SEU’s 2012 Annual Report, which was recently submitted to the District Department of the Environment (DDOE).

Now entering its second full year of operation, the DC SEU provides a wide range of energy efficiency and renewable energy services to District residents and businesses. These services are provided in a way that maximizes local job creation and economic development benefits.

“The DC SEU is a new power plant in the District of Columbia — built not with concrete and smokestacks, but with this city’s most valuable resource: its people,” said Ted Trabue, Managing Director. “Spanning all wards of the District, the DC SEU helped homeowners, renters, businesses, and institutions save energy and money throughout the year. Our work provided a catalyst for expanding the local economy with products and services that address the intersection of energy and the environment, and for creating green jobs right here in our community.”

Additional highlights of the DC SEU’s work in fiscal year 2012 include:

- Service to 18,795 households, including 11,395 low-income households
- Spending of \$5.2 million through 43 locally-owned Certified Business Enterprises
- Creation of 43 full-time equivalent jobs for District residents
- Provision of \$23.9 million in lifetime economic benefits through energy savings
- Savings of 5,815 Mcf in natural gas savings and 24,054 MWh in electricity savings
- 153 kilowatts of renewable energy generating capacity installed

These results were presented at a recent oversight hearing on the Performance of the Sustainable Energy Utility. In addition to testimony by DC SEU staff, private contractors who have worked with the DC SEU, and District residents who have benefited from DC SEU services, the oversight hearing included a video overview of the DC SEU’s work in fiscal year 2012. That video can be found at: [www.dcseu.com/2012Highlights](http://www.dcseu.com/2012Highlights).

“The DC SEU is a key player in helping District residents and businesses become more energy efficient,” said DDOE Interim Director Keith Anderson. “This is critical to Mayor Gray’s Sustainable DC goal of cutting citywide energy use by 50%, creating green jobs for our residents, and moving the District closer to becoming the healthiest, greenest, and most livable city in the United States.”



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Looking ahead, the DC SEU's annual plan for fiscal year 2013 calls for continued investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, with areas of focus including green-collar job creation, services for low-income housing residents, and reducing demand from the District's largest energy users.

*Created by the City Council as part of the Clean and Affordable Energy Act of 2008 (CAEA), the DC SEU is managed by the Sustainable Energy Partnership under contract to the District Department of the Environment (DDOE). FY 2012 data are based on the DC SEU's estimates of energy savings and green job hours. These data are subject to rigorous monitoring and verification by a third-party evaluation firm hired by the District Department of the Environment.*

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