



NEEP Recognizes the US Office of Personnel Management as 2016 Northeast Business Leader for Energy Efficiency

OPM is the only federal agency to be selected for its demonstrated leadership in energy efficiency

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Washington, DC – May 24, 2016 - Yesterday, the Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP) named the US Office of Personnel Management (OPM) as a 2016 Northeast Business Leader for Energy Efficiency for its efforts to foster the economy and protect the environment via its commitment to energy efficiency. The six organizations named as this year's Business Leaders, including OPM, will be recognized at NEEP Northeast Energy Efficiency Summit at the Omni Mt. Washington Resort in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire June 13-14, 2016.

Nominated by the DC Sustainable Energy Utility (DCSEU), the company is being honored for its continued efforts to advance energy efficiency in its operations, which will result in annual energy savings of over 4.7 million kWh, and cost savings of \$600,000. "OPM has demonstrated a commitment to environmental stewardship that goes above and beyond the federally mandated energy efficiency standards. OPM is a true leader, and also our first ever federal customer nominee," said Ted Trabue, DCSEU managing director.

The <u>Northeast Business Leaders for Energy Efficiency recognition program</u> highlights the accomplishments of organizations that are participating in energy efficiency programs across the region. OPM was selected for recognition based on its success to:

- Achieve multi-year results of energy savings through investment in cost efficient measures;
- Address comprehensive changes in major energy systems such as lighting, HVAC, building envelope, office equipment and industrial processes, with a focus on strategic energy management;
- Continue improvements in energy performance through corporate efficiency and sustainability plans;
- Demonstrate leadership to advance energy efficiency within industry, the community, and with policy makers; and
- Collaborate with ratepayer-funded and state energy efficiency programs.

Since 2014, the DCSEU has provided rebates and technical review of energy-efficiency projects contemplated by OPM. Its 853,865 square foot building includes a chilled water plant, heating provided by district steam and a24/7 IT Operations Center. In addition to providing technical assistance, the DCSEU provided rebates for energy-efficient lighting upgrades, HVAC upgrades, and chiller replacements.

"NEEP is proud to recognize the US Office of Personnel Management for its success and commitment to energy efficiency," said Sue Coakley, Executive Director of NEEP. "OPM provides an excellent example of how energy efficient measures can improve a company's bottom line, contribute to economic growth and reduce environmental impact."

OPM will be recognized, along with five other Northeast Energy Efficiency Business Leaders the NEEP Summit at the Omni Mt. Washington Resort in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire June 13-14, 2016.

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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. Our work is building a brighter economic, environmental, and energy future for the District. For more information, visit www.dcseu.com.

ABOUT THE US OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT (OPM)

OPM provides human resources, leadership, and support to federal agencies, and helps federal employees as they serve the American people. OPM oversees all policies created to support federal human resources departments — from classification and qualifications systems to hiring authorities and from performance management to pay, leave, and benefits. The people who make America run smoothly depend on OPM to ensure their departments run smoothly as well. For more information, visit www.opm.gov.

ABOUT THE NORTHEAST ENERGY EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIPS (NEEP)

NEEP was founded in 1996 as a non-profit whose mission is to bring together regional stakeholders in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic with expertise, leveraged resources, and best practices to accelerate energy efficiency in homes, buildings, and industry in order to keep the region a national efficiency leader. For more information, visit www.neep.org.

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