



# **Federal Utility Partnership Working Group**

## **GSA Comments**

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# GSA Background

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## Relevant GSA Responsibilities

- Purchase energy products on behalf of various Federal agencies, international agencies, and quasi-governmental entities (e.g., AOC, Smithsonian Institution, World Bank Group, National Gallery of Art)
- Represent Federal Executive agencies before Public Service/Utility Commissions
- Coordinate Federal regulatory activities nationwide with Departments of Defense and Energy



# Items of Interest

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## Federal Customer Footprint – DC Metro Area

- Manage and/or lease 100 million sq. ft. Federal workspace – 43 million square feet owned.
- GSA annual electricity purchases on behalf of Federal customers: 1.56 million megawatt hours — 19% of the City's electric usage; total Federal electricity usage exceeds 26% of the City's total
- GSA annual gas purchases: 4.35 million decatherms — 14% of City's natural gas usage; total Federal gas usage exceeds 17% of the City's total



# Change in Personnel

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- Linda Koman is no longer Contracting Officer due to retirement
- Interim duties to be shared by Ken Shutika and Miranda Webster
  - Vacancy announcement pending
- Contact Jerard Butler and Franz Stuppard for contract administration issues.
  - [jerard.butler@gsa.gov](mailto:jerard.butler@gsa.gov)
  - [franz.stuppard@gsa.gov](mailto:franz.stuppard@gsa.gov)

# Contract Updating

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- Drafting a Justification for “Other than Full and Open Competition” for regulated utility services that once signed will be available on our website and the Acquisition Gateway for use by Contracting Officers.
- Comparison of clauses in the GSA Areawide with the FAR matrix to see how we can par them down
  - Evaluate possibility of creating two templates:
    - one for just utility services
    - one for utility companies who want the UESC exhibit in their contracts.



## UESC Activity in GSA

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- Recently awarded \$10 million contract with Atlanta Gas Light for 3 buildings
- In process: North Carolina, Oklahoma and Massachusetts
- Potential under exploration: California.
- Total Gross Square Foot = 3,098,200

# Legislation – S. 2012 - Energy Policy Modernization Act

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- **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF CONTRACT PERIODS FOR ENERGY.**

- Section 501(b)(1)(B) of title 40, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(B) PUBLIC UTILITY CONTRACTS.— utility services may be made for a period of not more than 10 years.

“(ii) ENERGY CONTRACTS.—A contract may be made for a period of not more than 30 years for the acquisition of renewable energy or energy from cogeneration facilities.”.

## SEC. 1009. Energy-efficient and energy-saving information technologies.

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Section 543 of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act ([42 U.S.C. 8253](#)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(h) Federal Implementation Strategy for Energy-Efficient and Energy-Saving Information Technologies.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30, 2015, the Director, in consultation with the Secretary, shall establish performance goals for evaluating the efforts of Federal agencies in improving the maintenance, purchase, and use of energy-efficient and energy-saving information technology systems.

“(B) BEST PRACTICES.—The Chief Information Officers Council established under section 3603 of title 44, United States Code, shall supplement the performance goals established under this paragraph with recommendations on best practices for the attainment of the performance goals, to include a requirement for agencies to consider the use of—

“(i) energy savings performance contracting; and

“(ii) utility energy services contracting.

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## SEC. 1005. Utility energy service contracts.

Section 546 of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act ([42 U.S.C. 8256](#)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(f) Utility energy service contracts.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Each Federal agency may use, to the maximum extent practicable, measures provided by law to meet energy efficiency and conservation mandates and laws, including through utility energy service contracts.

“(2) CONTRACT PERIOD.—The term of a utility energy service contract entered into by a Federal agency may have a contract period that extends beyond 10 years, but not to exceed 25 years.

“(3) REQUIREMENTS.—The conditions of a utility energy service contract entered into by a Federal agency shall include requirements for measurement, verification, and performance assurances or guarantees of the savings.”.



# Policy Development

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- EV Charging stations
  - Recommended 3 GSA California Areawides for consideration to CEQ with regards to PUC pilot.
  - Exhibit A, Special Facilities
  - Article 11 – Access to Premises

# Public Utility Areawide Information

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<http://www.gsa.gov/energy>

- Access to GSA users manuals and contract information
  - Utility Areawide Contract Listing
  - Procurement Guide for Public Utility Services
  - Utility Areawide Guide
  - Procuring Energy Management Services with the GSA Areawide Contract



Questions?

