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DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL SERVICES JOINS LIST OF EPA ENERGY STAR LEADERS

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK- The Department of Central Services (DCS) is proud to join EPA's list of ENERGY STAR Leaders, an elite group of organizations that have improved energy efficiency across all of the buildings in a portfolio. To date, ENERGY STAR Leaders include organizations such as schools, hospitals, supermarkets, commercial real estate businesses and hospitality companies.

"DCS is pleased to be named an EPA ENERGY STAR Leader," said John Richard, Director of DCS. "Through this achievement, we have demonstrated our commitment to environmental stewardship while also lowering our energy costs."

ENERGY STAR Leaders manage energy strategically across an entire portfolio of buildings using EPA's standardized measurement tool for tracking building energy use. These select organizations are recognized by EPA for improving the energy performance of their portfolio by ten percent or more. The highest leaders recognition identifies those organizations with portfolios that perform in the top 25 percent of energy efficiency nationwide based upon the average of the buildings in the portfolio.

ENERGY STAR was introduced by EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency. Today, the ENERGY STAR label can be found on more than 60 different kinds of products, new homes and commercial and industrial buildings. Products and buildings that have earned the ENERGY STAR designation prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the government. In 2008, Americans, with the help of ENERGY STAR, saved about $19 billion on their energy bills while reducing greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of 29 million vehicles.

Learn more at http://www.energystar.gov/leaders.

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