

Upcoming Climate and Energy Webcasts for State and Local Governments

This message provides details about upcoming webcasts being offered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). All webcasts are offered free of charge, but space may be limited.

*****Local Climate and Energy Webcasts**

EPA hosts the Local Climate and Energy Webcast Series to assist local government with climate change and clean energy efforts. These regular webcasts highlight EPA resources available to local governments, and present examples of successful climate and energy programs and policies implemented locally. For more information or to view past webcasts, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/web-podcasts/local-webcasts-by-date.html>

Using Smart Growth Strategies to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

On Wednesday, March 31, 2010, from 2-4 PM EDT, EPA will host this webcast to provide an introduction to federal programs and resources related to smart growth. It will discuss how smart growth strategies can help communities use energy more efficiently; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and provide other environmental, economic, and social benefits. Two communities will showcase how they successfully developed and implemented programs that integrate smart growth policies into community design. To register for this webcast, visit: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/803751010>

Smart Grid for Local Governments

In late April, EPA will host this overview of Smart Grid opportunities and resources. The call will feature EPA and DOE experts as well as two local government case studies. The exact date and registration details will be announced next month.

*****ENERGY STAR Webcasts**

ENERGY STAR offers free online training to help you improve the energy performance of your organization. To register for any of these trainings or to see other upcoming ENERGY STAR trainings, visit: <https://energystar.webex.com>

Portfolio Manager for EECBG Grantees and State and Local Governments

This webcast, co-hosted by EPA and DOE, will be held on March 23, 2010, from 2-3 PM EDT. Participants will learn how to use ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager (EPA's building energy benchmarking tool) for effective municipal building retrofit projects and efficiency programs for target markets in the community. The session will be repeated on April 7, April 21, May 5, and May 19.

K-12 Benchmarking 101

On April 15, 2010, from 2-3 PM EDT, EPA will host this webcast to teach attendees the basics of benchmarking K-12 buildings using EPA's Portfolio Manager tool. Portfolio Manager can help measure and track energy and water use across an entire portfolio of buildings. Buildings can earn an energy performance rating compared with peer facilities across the country, and top-performing buildings are eligible for national recognition.

*****Additional Webcast Opportunities**

Green Power Procurement for K-12 Schools, April 8, 2010

On Thursday, April 8, 2010, from 1-2 PM (EDT), EPA's Green Power Partnership will host a webinar on renewable energy procurement for K-12 schools. The webinar will include a

primer on purchasing green power, an overview of the Green Power Partnership, a review of available EPA resources and tools for schools, and speakers from two K-12 schools.

For more information or to register, visit:

http://epa.gov/greenpower/events/8apr10_webinar.htm

State and local officials interested in additional information about developing and implementing cost-effective climate and energy strategies that help further environmental goals and achieve public health and economic benefits may visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate>

