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Postal Service Exceeds Facility Energy Saving Goals *Energy-Efficient Facilities and Green Teams Contribute to Savings*

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service reports it has reduced total facility energy consumption by nearly 34 percent, or 11.4 trillion BTUs, since 2003. While proactive energy savings projects implemented by USPS facility managers and employees have contributed to the reduction, and have already exceeded the 30 percent corporate facility energy goal, the efforts will continue.

“Postal employees are passionate about reducing energy use, which also saves us money,” said Vice President of Facilities Tom Samra. “The energy savings we have seen in our facilities from 2003 to 2012 is about the same amount of energy used by 110,000 U.S. homes.”

The Postal Service operates nearly 32,000 buildings nationwide. Through the use of cutting-edge tools, including the Enterprise Energy Management System and Utility Management System, USPS can measure and prioritize ways to cut energy costs, ranging from low-cost employee-driven efforts to large organization-wide projects.

“Tracking our success and opportunities through audit systems improves our ability to utilize cost-saving options,” said Chief Sustainability Officer Thomas G. Day. “Continuing this reduction trend is the right thing to do for the Postal Service and the environment.”

The Facilities Energy Program has completed 3,000 projects by investing substantial resources into energy audits and analysis. These projects have significantly reduced energy usage and costs for the Postal Service.

Another cost-saving initiative the U.S. Postal Service has implemented is the Green Teams program, established in postal facilities to help employees implement low- and no-cost initiatives. Currently, there are 1,340 facilities participating in the initiative.

The Postal Service has won numerous environmental honors, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) WasteWise Partner of the Year award in 2010 and 2011, the EPA’s National Partnership for Environmental Priorities award in 2011, The Climate Registry Gold award in 2011, the 2012 GreenGov Presidential Award, and most recently 10 Federal Green Challenge Awards nationwide.

For more information about the Postal Service’s sustainability initiatives, including the [Go Green Forever stamps](#) and the [2012 Annual Sustainability Report](#), visit usps.com/green and the Postal Store.

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