

GSA Helps Government Go Green

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Agency Leaders Highlight Green Initiatives

LOS ANGELES – The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), is utilizing its unique position as the government's premier procurement agency to help client agencies meet their environmental mandates, Administrator Lurita Doan and other GSA officials said Wednesday.

"As the annual suppliers of billions of dollars worth of goods, services and workspace, GSA can – and should – play an enormous role in preserving our nation's precious natural resources," Doan said at a press conference at the 2008 GSA Expo.

Flanked by Jim Williams, Commissioner of the Federal Acquisition Service and David Winstead, Commissioner of the Public Buildings Service, Doan noted that GSA offers thousands of "green" offerings, including alternative fuel vehicles and telework centers in the Washington, DC metro region that save hundreds of thousands of gallons of gasoline annually.

"'Going Green' is an important theme at this year's Expo," Doan said. "Whether it's telework, hybrid cars and trucks, or sustainable design, GSA is perfectly positioned to help federal agencies fulfill their missions and help the environment at the same time."

After remarks, Administrator Doan and Commissioners Williams and Winstead showed reporters some of the Green Initiatives on display, including flexible fuel vehicles, solar collectors and telecommuting initiatives. A groundbreaking solar park in Denver, Colorado is generating clean, renewable energy, while nearly 20 percent of GSA's 12,000 workers are telecommuting, reducing fuel consumption and pressure on parking and road congestion.

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