

Increasing Energy Efficiency Rated Most Important Among Green Government Priorities

- "As the largest consumer of energy in the U.S., economy, the federal government rate and should lead by example when it comes to creating innovative ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase energy efficiency, conserve water, reduce waste, and use environmentally responsible products and technologies," President Obama, has stated.
- Of all these priorities, respondents identify increasing energy efficiency as most important. On a scale of 1-5, none of the other priorities ranked higher than a zero on energy.

Agencies and Government Earn Low Marks for Progress Towards Green Government

- According to President Obama, examples of federal employees and their facilities promoting environmental stewardship exist throughout the country. Nevertheless, managers give their agencies and the government as a whole low marks for their progress towards green government.
- Only 29 percent of respondents gave their agency an A or B for progress. 44 percent gave their agency a C and almost a third gave their agency a D or F. Managers rate the government's progress overall slightly more highly, with only 21 percent giving the government an A or a B.

Managers Are Aware of High-Profile Green Successes, As Well As The Environmental And Fiscal Impact Additional Steps Could Have

Agency/Program	Question	Answer	Percentage Correct
A	1. According to some tech companies, if 1 percent of the federal budget went to fund all their companies and other devices that make the government more green, it would save more than \$2 billion.	True	78%
B	2. According to some technology companies, if 5,000 federal employees worked from home three days a week, it would save more than \$2 million.	True	91%
C	3. The federal government is the largest consumer of energy in the U.S.	True	76%
D	4. More than half of federal employees telework at least once a week.	False	76%
E	5. The Clinton Center Administration says that an environmental goal is to eliminate all damage to the environment resulting from its operations.	True	86%
F	6. New, fuel-efficient vehicles being purchased for the federal fleet under the Recovery Act is expected to save taxpayer money for the federal government over the next seven years.	True	89%
G	7. As of March 2009, more than 100 federal buildings were certified by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system.	True	91%
H	8. A recent study showed that federal buildings which receive the highest environmental performance ratings used about 15.9 percent less energy than the lowest performing buildings.	True	91%
I	9. In 2008, the Environmental Protection Agency received more than 1.5 million pounds of waste paper, including more than 200,000 tons.	True	75%
J	10. The Obama administration says reducing cloud computing could save the government billions of dollars, in part from energy and hardware savings.	True	76%

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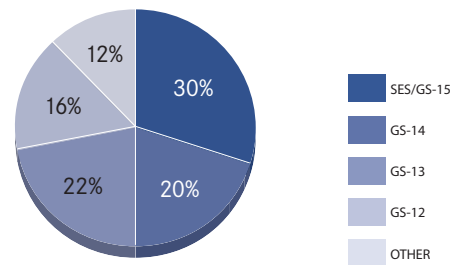
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