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UESC-financed energy conservation measures helped the Chet Holifield Federal Building earn honors through the FEMP awards program.

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) facilitates the Federal Government's implementation of sound, cost-effective energy management and investment practices to enhance the nation's energy security and environmental stewardship.

## FEDERAL UTILITY PARTNERSHIP WORKING GROUP OVERVIEW

### Fostering Partnerships between Federal Agencies and Local Utilities

The Federal Utility Partnership Working Group (FUPWG) brings together Federal agencies and their serving utilities to identify, develop, and successfully implement cost-effective energy efficiency, water efficiency, and renewable energy projects at Federal sites nationwide. The use of utility energy services contracts (UESCs) to implement these projects is a key emphasis of FUPWG. The working group is committed to helping Federal agencies reduce the energy-related cost of fulfilling their missions.

### Mission

FUPWG was established in 1994 by the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) with a mission to strengthen relationships and investments between Federal agencies, public utilities, and other energy-related organizations.

### Activities and Services

FUPWG provides working group members with training, education, and networking opportunities. Members include public utilities, their Federal utility customers, and other energy-related organizations. Issues addressed include the identification, design, and implementation of cost-effective energy efficiency, water conservation and renewable energy projects. FUPWG also provides members with objective educational and technical assistance services. FUPWG meets twice a year to:

- Exchange information on recent utility incentive program, success stories, and best management practices.
- Provide a forum for sharing lessons learned.
- Discuss current Federal energy management programs and products.
- Collaborate on issues and obstacles inhibiting successful energy projects.

### Program Objectives

FUPWG seeks to enhance Federal outreach, training, and educational activities on current issues through a number of objectives. These objectives include:

- Providing training on Federal procurement practices, energy efficiency measures, and renewable energy technologies.
- Increasing awareness of utility service offerings.
- Overcoming barriers to project implementation.
- Identifying opportunities for public utilities to achieve mandated energy savings at Federal sites more effectively.
- Developing guidance documents related to implementing cost-effective energy management programs at Federal facilities.
- Clarifying how to meet legislative and regulatory requirements impacting the Federal acquisition of utility services.
- Documenting and reporting utility-related projects successfully implemented at Federal sites.
- Preparing agencies to respond effectively to future electric utility industry changes.

### Resources and Contacts

For more information on FUPWG, visit:  
[http://www.eere.energy.gov/femp/financing/uescs\\_fupwg.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/femp/financing/uescs_fupwg.html)

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