

# There's More to Be Done: Government Summit Will Expand on Federal Government's Green Building Efforts

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With the release yesterday of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) [sustainability scorecards](#) for federal agencies and departments, the public got its first progress report on federal agency efforts to cut emissions. Specifically, the scorecards gave insight to federal progress on President Obama's government-wide goal of [cutting direct GHG emissions by 28 percent](#) and indirect GHG emissions by 13 percent over the next decade.

Though federal agencies and departments were early adopters and key leaders of green building, demonstrated by their early and continuing [use of LEED](#), a review of the scores made one thing quickly apparent: There is more work to be done. The agencies have a long way to go to meet the Executive Order that 15 percent of all federal agencies' building stock must meet high performance green building standards by 2015. What better forum to commune and strategize on greening governmental buildings than USGBC's upcoming [Government Summit](#)?

Coming up May 10 and 11 in Washington, D.C., USGBC's annual [Government Summit](#) (formerly Federal Summit) is a gathering place for leaders in government sustainability, offering many tools and resources for agencies to improve their sustainability scores. The event will include education sessions sharing best practices and implementable strategies related to green building from practitioners who have had success within the federal framework. The Summit will also feature opening plenary speaker Nancy Sutley, Chair of the White House's Council on Environmental Quality, who will discuss the results of this year's sustainability assessments and the steps that must be taken to improve upon them for next year.

The green building accomplishments of the federal government have been vast, but efforts must be increased in order to meet national goals. As it has done in year's past, USGBC's Government Summit will facilitate those necessary conversations, and spur real progress in the realm of governmental green building.

Registration for this year's [Government Summit](#) is open now and Early Bird pricing is available through Tuesday, April 26.

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