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[DC Takes Bold Step in Posting Energy Performance Data of Municipal Buildings](#)

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WASHINGTON, DC, Dec. 15, 2010 - The District of Columbia on Wednesday posted energy performance data for almost 200 of its municipal facilities to a public web site, a measure of energy transparency that only a few governments in the nation have taken.

This year, the District used free software available from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR program to comparatively rate the energy performance of its buildings against similar buildings nationwide, a process known as benchmarking. The District's annual energy bill for its buildings is about \$80 million.

The initial ENERGY STAR benchmarking data will help the District prioritize audits, while ongoing benchmarking will allow the District to track energy performance, set improvement goals and demonstrate improvements over time.

ENERGY STAR benchmarking is becoming standard practice for various private building owners, major commercial real estate services firms, federal agencies and state and local governments to help measure and reduce energy consumption in commercial property operations. Rating the energy performance of its buildings will help the District identify and monitor opportunities to trim its energy bills substantially," said Cliff Majersik, executive director of IMT. The energy rating and public disclosure of government buildings is required under the Clean and Affordable Energy Act, passed by the DC Council in 2008. To access detailed building energy information on the DDOE Energy Benchmarking public site, please click here.

Mentioned:

Carbon Offsets: No
Green Building: No
[Energy Technology](#): No

Property:

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