



# CITY OF CHICAGO OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**Richard M. Daley**  
Mayor

Dear Prospective Participant:

On behalf of the City of Chicago, I cordially invite you and your company to participate in the Chicago Green Office Challenge. The Green Office Challenge is a strategy of the Chicago Climate Action Plan that will significantly improve the environmental performance of Chicago's commercial buildings.

Chicago has set aggressive emissions reduction targets through its Climate Action Plan in order to curb global climate change. Participating in the Green Office Challenge allows your business – and Chicago – to get a head start on meeting these targets. Going green is not just the right thing to do for our city and our planet. Many building managers and companies have noted real bottom line savings from their environmental and energy efficiency initiatives.

The Chicago Department of Environment will provide technical assistance to help participants measure and improve the environmental performance of their buildings and business operations. Commercial property managers and office tenants are challenged to voluntarily reduce their energy consumption, increase their recycling rates, conserve water, and find other ways to reduce their environmental impacts. The Challenge brings together the tools developed by key partners including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR® program, the Building Owners and Managers Association, and the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED rating system.

The Green Office Challenge will require participants to commit to the program for six months to one year. Successful participants will receive recognition by the City of Chicago and local media. If you wish to join the Green Office Challenge, please register on our website at [www.chicagogreenofficechallenge.org](http://www.chicagogreenofficechallenge.org).

Working together, we can make Chicago the greenest city in the nation. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard M. Daley". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Mayor

