

GREEN OFFICE CHALLENGE

BUILDING A GREENER CHICAGO

You are invited to participate in the CHICAGO **GREEN** OFFICE CHALLENGE



What is the Green Office Challenge?

Like many U.S. cities, Chicago has set aggressive emissions reduction targets through its Climate Action Plan in order to curb global climate change. 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. Participating in the Green Office Challenge allows your business – and Chicago – to get a head start on meeting these targets.

But going green is not just the right thing to do for our city and our planet; for many building managers and companies, their environmental and energy efficiency initiatives are translating into some real bottom line benefits.

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.

How Does My Company Join the Green Office Challenge?

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 email greenofficechallenge@cityofchicago.org or visit the website at www.chicagogreenofficechallenge.org.



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