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SUBJECT: Federal Leadership in High Performance and Sustainable Buildings Memorandum of Understanding

This memorandum transmits for information and implementation the *Federal Leadership in High Performance and Sustainable Buildings Memorandum of Understanding* (MOU), recently signed by the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration on behalf of the Department of Commerce. This interagency MOU commits signatory agencies to leadership in the design, construction, and operation of High Performance and Sustainable Buildings. It provides a number of very specific goals that are applicable to all new construction and major renovation projects.

As indicated in the MOU, technical guidance will be forthcoming. The first installment of the technical guidance will be finalized and posted on the Whole Building Design Guide website (www.wbdg.org) by early May 2006. Additional guidance and resources will be added to the Whole Building Design Guide website as it becomes available.

This memorandum also serves as a reminder that it is the Department's policy to demonstrate leadership in sustainability and strive for a minimum rating of Silver in the U.S. Green Buildings Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program, or the equivalent in a similar sustainable building rating system. This policy was originally set forth in this office's memorandum, *Biennial Report on Energy and Environmental Management for 2000-2001*, dated March 20, 2003.

If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact Ms. Regina Larrabee, Energy Program Manager, Office of Real Estate, by phone at (202) 482-2345, or by e-mail at Rlarrabee@doc.gov. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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