



## Washington DC's ENERGY STAR Benchmarking and Disclosure Requirements for Public and Private Buildings

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### TITLE V. ENERGY BENCHMARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.

Sec. 501. The Green Building Act of 2006, effective March 8, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-234, D.C. Official Code § 6-1451.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 3 (D.C. Official Code § 6-1451.02) is amended by adding a new subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

“(a-1)(1) Beginning 90 days after the effective date of the Clean and Affordable Energy Act of 2008, passed on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on July 15, 2008 (Enrolled version of Bill 17-492), 10 buildings owned or operated by the District of Columbia shall be benchmarked using the Energy Star® Portfolio Manager benchmarking tool, and the results made available to the public on the Internet through the DDOE website.

“(2) Beginning one year after the effective date of the Clean and Affordable Energy Act of 2008, passed on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on July 15, 2008 (Enrolled version of Bill 17-492), all buildings owned or operated by the District or any of its instrumentalities shall be benchmarked annually using the Energy Star® Portfolio Manager benchmarking tool; provided, that the building has at least 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and is of a building type for which Energy Star® benchmarking tools are available. Benchmark and Energy Star® statements of energy performance for each building shall, within 60 days of being generated, be made available to DDOE, which shall then make them accessible to the public via an online database.”.

(b) Section 4 (D.C. Official Code § 6-1451.03) is amended as follows:

(1) A new subsection (a-1) is added to read as follows:

“(a-1)(1) All privately-owned buildings shall be benchmarked annually using the Energy Star® Portfolio Manager benchmarking tool as designated by the schedule in paragraph (2) of this subsection; provided, that the buildings are of a building type for which Energy Star® tools are available. Benchmark and Energy Star® statements of energy performance for each building shall, by January 1 of the following year, be made available to DDOE. DDOE shall, upon the receipt of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual benchmarking data for each building, make the data accessible to the public via an online database.

“(2) The schedule shall be as follows:

“(A) All buildings over 200,000 square feet of gross floor area beginning in 2010 and thereafter;

“(B) All buildings over 150,000 square feet of gross floor area beginning in 2011 and thereafter;

“(C) All buildings over 100,000 square feet of gross floor area beginning in 2012 and thereafter; and

“(D) All buildings over 50,000 square feet of gross floor area beginning in 2013 and thereafter.”

(2) A new subsection (b-1) is added to read as follows:

“(b-1) A project that has submitted the 1<sup>st</sup> construction building construction permit after January 1, 2012, for new construction or substantial improvement shall, prior to construction, estimate its energy performance using the Energy Star® Target Finder Tool and be benchmarked annually using the Energy Star® Portfolio Manager benchmarking tool;

provided, that the building has 50,000 square feet of gross floor area or more and is of a building type for which Energy Star® tools are available. Benchmark and Target Finder scores and Energy Star® statements of energy performance for each building shall, within 60 days of being generated, be made available to DDOE, which shall make the data accessible to the public via an online database.”.