



Media Alert

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What: Unveiling and implementation of DHS Strategic Energy Plan (StEP)

Following introductory remarks and words from Governor Mike Beebe, a 20 minute program will feature an audio visual presentation and overview of the energy plan, and highlights of energy- saving actions taken by the Department that have already saved taxpayers millions of dollars.

TIME/DATE:

1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 2, 2010

LOCATION:

Department of Human Services central office
Corner of 7th and Main Streets, Conference Rooms A & B
Little Rock, Arkansas

ADDITIONAL INFO:

Governor Mike Beebe will be attending as well as leaders of other state agencies.

The Department of Human Services Strategic Energy Plan is the first energy plan completed and ready for implementation. The plan complies with an Executive Order from Governor Mike Beebe that requires that all executive branch agencies develop individual strategic energy plans. The new plan was also prepared in response to legislative requirements of Act 1994 which directs state agencies to reduce energy use by 20 percent by 2014 and by 30 percent by 2017. Reducing energy use will result in significant savings to Arkansas taxpayers.

Research performed for the DHS Strategic Energy Plan determined that an annual 20 percent reduction of energy usage by DHS alone would save more than \$1.5 million in direct annual operating costs and cut carbon emissions by 150,000 tons per year. This would equate to saving more than 2000 trees annually or taking nearly 14,000 vehicles off Arkansas highways each year.