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Sacramento is a Beacon for Solving Climate Change

Sacramento selected as Beacon Award Program participant to celebrate, recognize, measure climate change actions

Sacramento, CA – The City of Sacramento joins the ranks of more than 30 other jurisdictions across the state participating in the Institute for Local Government’s Beacon Award program. This voluntary program -- specifically geared toward recognizing local government leadership in solving climate change and promoting sustainability – will help elevate existing City programs, policies and goals outlined in the recently adopted Climate Action Plan and recognize future achievements in sustainability and greenhouse gas reduction.

“We are honored to be part of this recognition program that helps us acknowledge and celebrate our efforts to maintain a healthier planet,” said John Shirey, Sacramento City Manager. “The City has policies and programs in place necessary to facilitate the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. This program will help illustrate our pledge for sustainability by achieving the highest possible award level.”

“The Institute is delighted to have the City of Sacramento participate in the Beacon Award program,” said Hal Conklin, chairman of the Institute’s board of directors. “We’re looking forward to celebrating the City’s leadership, following its accomplishments, and sharing its best practices with other cities and counties.”

The program features three award levels—silver, gold and platinum—and will be based on achieving specific measurable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and energy savings both for the City and its operations and the entire community. The program is designed for cities and counties to work at their own pace towards achieving one or more of the three award levels. In addition, there is no deadline or timeline for meeting award level criteria; awards will be given out on an ongoing basis. The City will be asked to provide periodic information on its efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save energy.

“It is our goal to achieve the highest recognition possible and provide insight to other communities on what practices work for solving climate change,” says Erik deKok, senior planner overseeing the city’s climate action planning and implementation efforts. “The good news is that we charted a course of action to reduce our GHG emissions that is clear and achievable, as well as acceptable by the community. Therefore, I am confident that we can make that goal a reality.”

Information about the Beacon Award program can be found at <http://www.ca-ilg.org/BeaconAward>.

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