 

**Topic: Sustainability in Leasing**

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**Link to Series Information:** [**CES Historical Topics**](http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/142959)

1. How are the pilots panning out with regard to having the leases net utilities and spec-ing out low consumption toilets, faucets, etc. Are the leases in sync with this option?

*GSA is in the early stages of piloting a handful of net of utility leases. Separately, there are many (mandatory) requirements in the lease document related to water efficiency, energy efficiency, etc.*

1. What is the contact information for ISWG?

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1. Is sub-metering a shell cost of the lessor?

*Sub-metering is typically a T.I. cost to the tenant*

1. Is the 10,000 SF benchmark USF (usable square footage) or RSF (rentable square footage)?

*The benchmarking requirement is based on RSF (rentable square feet).*

1. How do I know if my lessor is reporting their energy consumption? USDA does occupy the entire 13,000 RSF and the building did obtain a LEED Silver Cert in 2014.

*The utility reporting/ energy disclosure requirement is very new. The only way to know if a lessor is reporting energy consumption is to ask them directly, or to examine if this information is being reported publicly – in those jurisdictions that have required energy disclosure requirements in place.*

1. Is the report going to apply to our Continuity of Operations Relocation Sites?

*Not likely*

1. Alexandra mentioned some working groups within GSA and other customers. Can we learn more about what that looks like?

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1. Does this mean GSA is thinking of having agencies pay for their utilities?

*GSA is in the early stages of studying and exploring the impact a net of utility lease structure has on the cost and consumption of utilities. There are many situations where a fully serviced structure is most appropriate. There is currently no GSA policy on net of utilities.*

1. Are the utility bills only shared with GSA or can the tenants have access to the same utility bills as well?

*Utility information can be shared with tenants.*

1. Can a single agency leasing space in a Federal Bldg get access to the utility bills from GSA?

*The Energy Division within GSA’s Facilities Management Department has utility information for Federal buildings. (contact: Thomas.Chiles@gsa.gov)*

1. Who do we contact, to join in and find meeting times? I assume this is a call-in meeting?

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