

Colleagues,

Three years ago, DAS began issuing a sustainability report to demonstrate the agency's commitment to increased sustainability, reducing waste, and improving our environmental impact. I am proud of the progress DAS has made in sustainability.

Building upon the groundwork of the first two years of our programs, we made targeted impact in our third year. Sustainable practices are fully incorporated within daily operations, and we are achieving efficiencies for taxpayers and our agency customers. We've categorized the following areas of focus to advance best practices of environment initiatives in our programming.

- Transportation
- State Buildings
- Waste Reduction
- Procurement

Focusing on sustainability has allowed us to mitigate the inflationary budget impact to state government operations. We are proud of the outcomes you'll see reflected [this year's report](#) Below are some findings from the report.

The Transportation Services Bureau (TSB) continues to leverage renewable fuels across fleet operations. 100% of the State's vehicle fleet now operates on E15 fuel, exceeding the goal of 90%. Additionally, TSB continues to provide support for research into the use of E30 fuel. TSB will continue to work with the UNL Department of Engineering on data collection for this research.

State Building Division and the Task Force for Building Renewal continue to focus on upgrading existing facility infrastructure with more efficient and sustainable systems. Their goal is to reduce energy usage. An example of how we do that is the HVAC project at the Craft State Office Building which replaced all HVAC systems with high efficiency heat pumps. They also replaced over 70 lights with LED lighting. The HVAC replacement is expected to reduce energy consumption by 30-40%, and the LED lights use 90% less energy. Overall, the State Building Division has reduced energy use by 15% over the past seven years.

Additionally, the Materiel Division Recycling and Excess Property programs in the past cut electrical use by nearly 146,630 kilowatts annually by retiring over 300 obsolete printers. In 2023, Administrative Services established a larger electronic recycling program than in the past and recycled 754 pounds of electronic waste in just 2.5 months. Additionally, under the Excess Property program over 2,668 lots of merchandise containing thousands of items of surplus property were diverted from landfill by auction or reuse.

Thank you to all of the public servants who are working to improve sustainability by reducing waste and increasing efficiency. Your focus on this goal helps us save

taxpayer money. This is a team effort, and these initiatives will help us continue to provide efficient, effective customer service to the people of Nebraska.

Regards,

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