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Postal Service Wins the Gold *Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Recognized*

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service was recently awarded Climate Registered Gold status by The Climate Registry (TCR) for its leadership in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 8 percent. The Postal Service is among the first of TCR's 430 members, and the first government agency, to achieve this recognition.

"Winning Climate Registered Gold status will help motivate the Postal Service to do even more to reduce greenhouse gases," said Deputy Postmaster General Ron Stroman. "It is especially important for us to be a sustainable organization, because we touch virtually every community in America. We have the largest civilian fleet in the country, and our Post Offices and processing plants are nationwide. So we intend to continue our already considerable efforts to further reduce our carbon footprint."

TCR helps organizations measure and manage their GHG emissions. To be recognized with Climate Registered status, members submit their GHG emissions data and reduction strategies for evaluation. This information is integrated into a best practices database as a resource to members. Gold status is awarded to organizations which demonstrate GHG emissions reductions of more than 5 percent.

Earlier in June, USPS reported its 8 percent reduction in GHG emissions from a fiscal year 2008 baseline, which places the agency more than one third of the way to its goal of 20 percent by fiscal year 2020. The reduction of 1,067,834 metric tons of CO₂ is an amount equal to the annual emissions of approximately 204,000 passenger vehicles.

The Postal Service also helps customers reduce their own carbon footprints with tips and information at usps.com/green and the [green newsroom](http://green.newsroom).

USPS has won more than 75 environmental awards, including 40 White House Closing the Circle, 10 Environmental Protection Agency WasteWise Partner of the Year, Climate Action Champion, and Direct Marketing Association Green Echo awards, as well as the Postal Technology International Environmental Achievement of the Year.

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A self-supporting government enterprise, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that reaches every address in the nation, 150 million residences, businesses and Post Office Boxes. The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses, and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations. With 32,000 retail locations and the most frequently visited website in the federal government, usps.com, the Postal Service has annual revenue of more than \$67 billion and delivers nearly 40 percent of the world's mail. If it were a private sector company, the U.S. Postal Service would rank 29th in the 2010 Fortune 500. *Black Enterprise* and *Hispanic Business* magazines ranked the Postal Service as a leader in workforce diversity. The Postal Service has been named the Most Trusted Government Agency six consecutive years and the sixth Most Trusted Business in the nation by the Ponemon Institute.