

CAMBRIDGE

GoGreen Awards

2009



CATEGORY: Energy / Large Organization

CAMBRIDGE HEALTH ALLIANCE 1493 Cambridge Street

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Since 2003, the Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) has invested \$10 million in various energy conservation and efficiency measures within electrical, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), water utilization and boiler plant systems.
- CHA now realizes annualized energy cost savings in excess of \$2 Million since 2003.
- Building on results obtained from 2003-2005, CHA recently completed yet another major energy efficiency upgrade project. These (2006-2008) energy performance improvements have saved 2.1 million kilowatt-hours of electricity, 5.2 million BTUs in natural gas and fuel oil, and 3.1 million gallons of water. As a result, greenhouse gas emissions are reduced by approximately 2,000 carbon dioxide equivalent tons each year.
- CHA is a five-time winner of the Healthy Hospitals Environment (H2E) Partners in Change Award, as well as numerous other environmental sustainability-related awards and prizes
- CHA is an EPA Energy Star Partner, and subscribes to the principles of the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Smart Hospitals Initiative.

ABOUT CAMBRIDGE HEALTH ALLIANCE

Cambridge Health Alliance is a regional healthcare system that operates and maintains three urban hospitals and a network of primary care practices, community health centers, and community-based programs in the Boston metropolitan area. Cambridge Hospital, which is affiliated with Harvard Medical School, is one of 3 hospitals the Alliance operates in the Boston area. CHA also manages a Medicaid health plan and physician organization called Network Health, and the Cambridge Public Health Department under an agreement with the City.

CHA's Support Services Management provider is Sodexo, whose accomplishments in the area of sustainability include:

- Three-fold recognition (March, 2008) in Sustainable Asset Management's (SAM) 2008 "Sustainability Yearbook," which identifies companies that combine economic performance with sustainability, among the world's 2,500 largest corporations.
- Sodexo was named Worldwide Sector Sustainability Leader by Dow Jones Sustainability Indices for three consecutive years.
- Sodexo was selected as a component for 2007 in the FTSE4Good index, www.ftse4good.com, an equity index series designed to facilitate investment in companies that meet globally recognized corporate responsibility standards.

For more information on CHA's sustainability efforts and accomplishments, please contact:

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A new 115 Ton Air-Cooled Chiller located on the roof of the Cahill Building reduces the need for an oversized chiller and water tower operating during the winter months. Installation by MJ Flaherty

ABOUT THE GO GREEN AWARD

The City of Cambridge annually recognizes local businesses and organizations for outstanding practices in transportation, waste reduction and recycling, energy, stormwater management, climate protection, and community sustainability. The awardees make significant contributions to the reduction of the carbon footprint of Cambridge and to making the city more sustainable.