

On Tuesday, April 14th the Office of Sustainability held its annual Demand Response Award Ceremony. Held at the DOE's Division of School Facilities, awards were given to Custodian Engineers who oversee facilities participating in the Demand Response Program and exceeded performance during Summer 2014.

A total of 46 awards from \$5,000-\$25,000 were given to Custodians and Building Managers throughout the City. This year's top performing Custodian was Mr. Charles Cisek of M.S./H.S. 368 (x368) in the Bronx. Mr. Cisek attributes his building's performance to taking advantage of natural light during the early mornings and having ongoing talks with the building's staff. "Consistently talking to staff makes a difference; overtime it all adds up." said Mr. Cisek. In addition to Mr. Cisek the other 3 top performing Custodians were:

- Mr. Ioannis Galatulas – Spring Creek Educational Campus – Brooklyn (K422)
- Mr. Jose Pego – I.S. 90 – Manhattan (M090)
- Mr. Robert Baker – P.S/I.S 208 – Queens (Q208)



Mr. Charles Cisek



Mr. Ioannis Galatulas



Mr. Robert Baker

During times of peak electricity demand or during an emergency, buildings participating in Demand Response (DR) programs are paid to curtail electrical load in order to reduce strain on our City's electrical grid. DR programs help to protect electrical dependability and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Buildings meet the requested reduction in electric demand by turning off various high energy equipment.

In summer/winter 2014, 234 DOE buildings participated in the DR Program, in which 221 met or exceeded the commitment. DOE's total revenue for 2014 was close to \$800,000. The majority of the revenue will be used for repairs and upgrades in various DOE buildings.

The City, including DOE, has been a supporter of demand response programs for over a decade. DOE currently makes up 66% of the enrolled facilities in the City's DR Program. As a participant in peak load management programs, the DOE is helping to prevent brownouts and blackouts, generating revenue and ensuring continued health, safety and comfort to all New Yorkers.

Let's congratulate this year's award winners:

X368	Charles Cisek	\$25,000
K422	Ioannis Galatulas	\$20,000
M090	Jose Pego	\$20,000
Q208	Robert Baker	\$20,000
Q043	James Conway	\$10,000

K233	Wilbert King	\$10,000
K066	Enio Vega	\$10,000
K356	Winston Anglin	\$10,000
K485	Joseph Astarita	\$10,000
K798	Emmanuel Reynolds	\$10,000
M276	Anthony Seenath	\$10,000
Q058	Kevin McDonnell	\$10,000
Q515	Gary Viola	\$10,000
Q650	Amin Quanungo	\$10,000
Q722	Edwin Castro	\$10,000
R006	Daniel Toppino	\$10,000
R058	Timothy Thompson	\$10,000
R069	Joseph Dellaria	\$10,000
X137	Maurice Molloy	\$10,000
X141	Dennis Miskimmon	\$10,000
X003	Robert Joyce	\$5,000
X306	Sylvia Ortega-Degreen	\$5,000
R043	Christopher Sweeney	\$5,000
M005	Charles Harvey	\$5,000
M833	Gregory Sutton	\$5,000
K525	Joseph Reilly	\$5,000
X034	Charles Schembri	\$5,000
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Q102	Joseph Hughes	\$5,000
Q270	Cuneyt Ozcan	\$5,000
K440	Joseph Nadal	\$5,000
K237	Robert Mateo	\$5,000
Q063	Aleksandr Brener	\$5,000
Q161	Todd McKenna	\$5,000
Q695	Richard Camisa	\$5,000
Q108	Victor Core	\$5,000
Q239	Keith Brand	\$5,000
M535	Gerard Burns	\$5,000
R450	Kristen D'Alessio	\$5,000
X455	Michael DiStefano	\$5,000
K314	Andrew Foti	\$5,000
R861	Marco Saponara	\$5,000
Q266	Michael Sarrocco Jr.	\$5,000
Q415	Scott Kruse	\$5,000
Q227	James Amalfitano	\$5,000
Q260	Ronald Sabb	\$5,000