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**Washington State Department of Ecology
Sustainable Washington
State Innovations Grant Project**

FY2011 Combined 1st & 2nd Quarter Progress Report

This progress report covers the period from January 1, 2011 through April 15, 2011

Part 1 – Synopsis of Accomplishments

- Data entry for all baseline, verification and self-certification checklists was completed.
- All needed data review and cleaning to ensure accuracy in analysis was performed. This included identifying all missing data, correcting inaccurate data, and transforming data when appropriate. In addition, we performed an initial statistical review to determine our margin of error and reliability of our data. We have also reviewed our data for basic statistical acceptability (e.g., whether our data is normally distributed). We have created a number of roll-up indicator scores based on each facility’s answers to key questions (e.g., whether a facility is in compliance with all applicable regulations, whether a facility has adopted Best Management Practices, etc.) and we have begun analysis of the final data. Our final analysis will include determinations of which questions produced verifiable results as well as our interpretation of the data.

Part 2 – ERP Pilot Auto Body Universe & Self-Certifications Data (as of 12/31/2010)

Current Universe = 496 (original universe was 788)

154 Baseline ERP Site Visits completed

142 Baseline ERP Verification Visits completed

90 Self-certification checklists received

30 EnviroStars self-certification applications received

62 Non-applicability forms received

Part 3 – Detailed Accomplishments

Task 1 - Environmental Results Program

Task	Commitment	Accomplishment
1.1	ERP Coordinator –Peggy will serve as the statewide technical assistance contact for the ERP pilot, including communication with businesses, Ecology staff, trade associations, EPA, vendors and other	Peggy Morgan (along with Ken Zarker and Scott Lamb) is overseeing the ERP Pilot Project.

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	<p>partners.</p> <p>Coordinate local TA requests and EnviroStars referrals with the local source control specialists that are committed to providing auto body business assistance.</p>	
1.2	<p>Develop and maintain the HWTR ERP website content and post relevant ERP materials on the Local Source Control SharePoint site</p>	<p>Updated ERP website</p>
1.3	<p>Work to increase the self-certification return rate from 10% to 25% for the Auto Body ERP self-certification forms due March 31, 2010.</p>	<p>A total of 90 self-certification forms were submitted. This is an 18% return rate.</p>
1.4	<p>Review the self-certification data to determine compliance issues or improvement opportunities.</p>	<p>The data was reviewed and the most prevalent compliance issues and improvement opportunities were identified.</p>
1.5	<p>Maintain ERP “facility universe” data base. Maintain ERP checklist data in data base system.</p>	<p>Facility universe data base has been maintained and data from all checklists were entered into data base.</p>
1.6	<p>Conduct local source control training via conference call prior to the verification site visits.</p>	<p>The training took place on March 10, 2010. All but two of the local source control specialists attended the training. Individual assistance was provided to those two following the training.</p>
1.7	<p>Conduct post-self certification ERP site visits</p>	<p>Visits began in May and were completed in September, 2010.</p>
1.8	<p>Identify Environmental Performance Business Indicators (EBPIs).</p>	<p>EPBIs were identified</p>

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1.9	Conduct ERP evaluation.	In accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, Ecology notified the Union of the proposed contract. The Union requested negotiations regarding the contract. Ecology and the Union came to an agreement allowing for the contract to go forward. A consultant, Cascadia Consulting Group, was hired through the General Administration's "Professional Consulting Services" contract. Work on the evaluation began in September, 2010 and will be completed by April, 2011.
1.10	Participate in the state ERP Consortium and national ERP events to share results on the Washington State ERP/VLP model	We continue to participate in these efforts.

Task 2 – Voluntary Environmental Leadership (VLP), EMS & Sustainability

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2.1	Implement the EnviroStars Cooperative MOA.	The MOA is being implemented through the integrated ERP/EnviroStars pilot project.
2.2	Process ERP Auto Body EnviroStars self-certification application and goals sheet. Coordinate regional technical assistance and outreach activities; review ERP self-certification compliance and coordinate with local government partners.	The EnviroStars applications have been processed and shared with the appropriate local government partners.
2.3	Work with the EnviroStars Cooperative to develop member recognition certificates, press releases and recognition events.	Shops who qualified for the ERP EnviroStars certification have received a special 3-Star EnviroStars Certificate.
2.4	Track EnviroStars goals and conduct follow-up activities to track progress. Ecology will summarize the list of EnviroStars goals.	

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2.5	<p>Provide funding and technical assistance for the Spokane EnviroStars initiative. Support the Eastern Regional Office partnership with key stakeholders, assist with implementation, incentives development, membership requirements, measurement, recognition and long-term funding needs.</p>	<p>Entered into a grant agreement with Spokane River Forum to provide funding (\$10,000) for Phase 1 of the Spokane EnviroStars pilot project.</p> <p>As of December 2010, 14 businesses had been certified as EnviroStars and there were 11 potential certifications in progress.</p>
2.6	<p>Conduct ERP / EnviroStars evaluation.</p>	<p>In accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, Ecology notified the Union of the proposed contract. The Union requested negotiations regarding the contract. Ecology and the Union came to an agreement allowing for the contract to go forward. A consultant, Cascadia Consulting Group, was hired through the General Administration's "Professional Consulting Services" contract. Work on the evaluation began in September, 2010 and will be completed by April, 2011.</p>
2.7	<p>Update the Ecology EMS Alternative for Pollution Prevention Planners</p> <p>Ecology staff propose the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Test the EPA Performance Track Annual Report Spreadsheet Tool - Update Ecology's EMS policy guidance - Conduct staff training (3 day EMS training) - Conduct at least two EMS site visits. 	<p>Ecology has been working to incorporate the EMS criteria into our new P2 planning reporting system. Ecology has approached the Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center (TMAC) about conducting EMS Training by September 30, 2011.</p>

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2.8	<p>Update Ecology’s Sustainability Report Support to meet GRI Standards – Ecology will purchase XBRL software to use GRI taxonomy to tag GRI report(s) and perform other XBRL operations.</p> <p>Ecology staff propose the following:</p> <p>Detailed comparison of Ecology plan and GRI Guidelines.</p> <p>Index Ecology plan to GRI’s G3 standard.</p> <p>Create an Ecology GRI report based upon Ecology’s plan to achieve “Application Level B” status.</p> <p>Conversion of new Ecology GRI report to XBRL tagged version.</p> <p>Create a web version of Ecology’s GRI report.</p> <p>Write a brief project report including findings & recommendations.</p> <p>Publish results on a web page of our existing plan at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/sustainability/ecoaction.html)</p>	<p>Ecology has completed the agency’s sustainability plan.</p> <p>We will be working toward the GRI level C or B status.</p>

Part 4 – Financial Report

Attached is our State Innovation Grant budget status report.