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To: The UNH Community
From: Richard Cannon, VP of Finance and Administration,
John Aber, VP of Research and Chair of the UNH Energy Task Force
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Re: UNH Energy Efficient Products Standard - Announcement

To the UNH community:

I invite you to join the University of New Hampshire administration in support of a new UNH Energy Efficient Product Standard for the Durham campus. This new standard strongly encourages the purchase of products that meet the specifications of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star Program. More information on UNH's new Energy Efficient Product Standard can be found at www.energy.unh.edu/products.html.



The UNH Energy Task Force (ETF), with representatives from the USNH Purchasing Office, the UNH Energy Office, and the UNH Office of Sustainability, has identified a variety of commonly used products that meet high standards for energy efficiency. We encourage you and your office or department to commit to purchasing products that meet these standards.

Products in more than 40 categories, such as office equipment, appliances, and lighting, are eligible for the Energy Star rating as they use less energy, save money, and help protect the environment. In fact, energy efficient products can reduce energy costs by 30% or more *without* compromising product quality or performance. For more information on which products qualify for Energy Star, go to www.energystar.gov.

The introduction of UNH's new Energy Efficient Product Standard is part of our larger commitment to expand current energy efficiency efforts into *all* aspects of UNH operations in order to reduce energy costs and environmental impacts associated with campus operations. By purchasing Energy Star labeled products, increases in campus energy use and subsequent greenhouse gas emissions can be restricted. In addition, the reduced impact associated with this new standard compliments the design, operation, and maintenance standards that are in place or are being developed by the ETF, UNH Campus Planning, UNH Transportation Services, the UNH Office of Sustainability, and the UNH Energy Office. All of these efforts move us closer to our goal of being a sustainable public university.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile effort.

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