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LiveSMART Leaders Blogs & Important Announcements!

We want to hear from you! Later this month we will be sending out a Year-End Survey via email, to get your feedback on the 2013 Carbon Neutral Government program. We value your thoughts and appreciate your time in filling out the short, 10-minute survey.

4 Years of Carbon Neutrality!

Thanks to everyone for their hard work helping B.C. reach carbon neutrality for the 4th consecutive year. This is a great accomplishment. We truly appreciate the efforts everybody has gone through to ensure the Carbon Neutral Government program is a success, now for the fourth year!

For the 2014 reporting year we do not expect any big changes to the program besides the offset payments—see below. We will make a few small tweaks to the CNAR process but our goal now is to ensure consistency in the reporting process and to focus more of our effort on emissions reductions for the public sector.

We will take a bit of a break over the summer but by September we will have updated information on the 2014 reporting process and CNG events to be held in the fall and winter.

The 2014 Carbon Neutral Government Report is now available online [here!](#)

EDX – Electronic Transfer of Utility Data Project Update

The project to enable electronic transfer of electricity and gas utility data into SMARTTool continues to progress and is scheduled to be available for all SMARTTool users beginning in November 2014. A recent development that is good news is that both FortisBC and BC Hydro data is scheduled to be available at the same time in November. The EDX is voluntary, and will enable SMARTTool users to streamline the task of collecting, compiling and submitting data to SMARTTool.

In the Fall of 2014 CAS and Fortis BC are planning to provide energy conservation training as well as information about energy conservation programs, products and services. A focus of this training will be on how to use your utility data to identify opportunities to save energy, costs, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. **STAY TUNED!**

Has your organization worked with a local government to plan or implement initiatives around energy conservation, district energy or renewable energy?

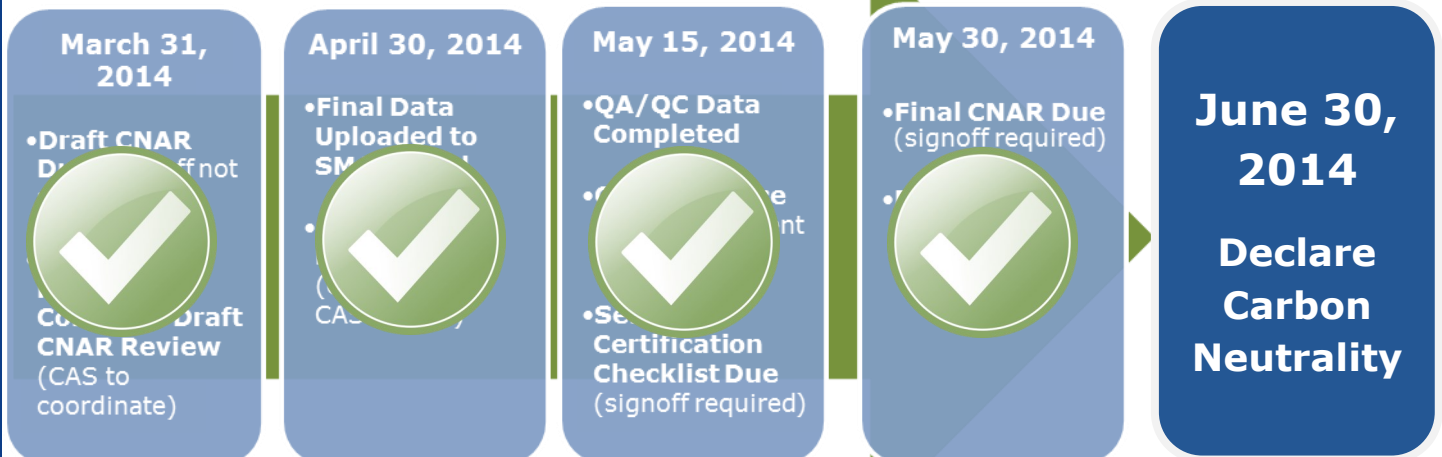
If so, Community Energy Association is now accepting applications for the 2014 Climate & Energy Action Awards in the Public Sector Collaboration category. To apply:

- check out [Community Energy Association's website](#)
- contact your local government partner and,
- work together to prepare and submit an award application by 5:00 PM, **Monday, July 21st.**

Offset Payments for 2014—NEW!!

Pacific Carbon Trust has now been folded into the Ministry of Environment. For the 2014 reporting year there will be no change at all to the process except offset payments will now be made to the Minister of Finance. We will provide further details on this shortly. If your organization makes quarterly payments or any prepayments for offsets, please **DO NOT** make any payments yet as the new accounts have not been set up. We will send out updated information on how to make payments for the 2014 year by September.

CNG 2013 IMPORTANT Dates!



Thanks for Submitting your 2013 data!