



APRIL 2016

# carbon neutral corner

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**All public sector organizations should have received an email containing their 2015 reporting documents and survey links. If your organization's primary contact has not received this email, please contact us immediately: [climateactionsecretariat@gov.bc.ca](mailto:climateactionsecretariat@gov.bc.ca)**

## Please note the following changes to the 2015 CNAR Process:

- 1) In previous years, the CNAR process required completion of two separate surveys. This year, there's one survey to complete with two parts: Part One represents the 'Actions' portion of the CNAR and will be appended to your overview document. Part Two collects data to be used for internal purposes only (i.e., Part Two will not be made public).
- 2) The CNAR Overview template now includes a section through which your organization agrees to have the Ministry of Environment retire offsets on behalf of your organization. The section simply makes explicit the process that the Ministry used last year. It's a more transparent process as well as providing the Ministry with more flexibility in the retirement of offsets.

## \*LUNCH & LEARN— CLIMATE RESILIENT BUILDINGS\*

**WHEN:** April 19, Victoria

April 21, Vancouver

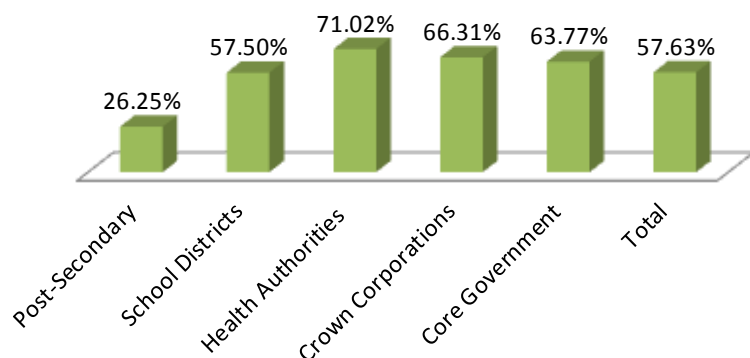
**WHAT:** Presentation of findings from study by Climate Risk Management team at CAS on climate resilience of several public sector buildings.

Registration and details [here!](#)

## SMARTTool Refresh RFP

The Climate Action Secretariat has received 6 proposals and the evaluation and shortlisting process is well underway. Currently we are in the third phase of the evaluation undertaking hands-on testing of the finalists. We expect to make a final announcement on the results by summer. We're aiming to transition to the new tool later this year.

## LOAD EARLY & LOAD OFTEN 2015 SMARTTool Data Loaded up to March 31st, as a % of Final 2014 Data



## \*REMINDER\* 2015 REPORTING YEAR DEADLINES

**APRIL 29 2016:** All 2015 data loaded into SMARTTool

**MAY 16 2016:** Self-certification checklist submitted

**May 31 2016:** Carbon Neutral Action Report & survey form submitted

**June 30 2016:** Offset payment received & declare Carbon Neutrality!