

Title: CH2M gets a thumbs up from the President of the United States!

Lead-in: President Obama invited CH2M to a White House Roundtable, at which he applauded companies that are reducing their greenhouse gas emissions. He announced plans to reduce the federal government's greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent, in part by working with suppliers like us.

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A few weeks ago, [President Obama invited CH2M to a White House Roundtable with federal suppliers](#) who are committing to reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

"We want to thank our private sector partners. You have done an outstanding job," said the President. "Because of the prominence of many of the companies here, and the fact that they've got a whole bunch of suppliers up and down the chain, what you do with respect to energy efficiency is going to have a ripple effect throughout the economy."



Mark Morris (nearest left) listens as EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy (nearest right) makes a point to Pres. Obama and other federal suppliers in Washington DC

Mark Morris, Environment & Nuclear Business Group Global Strategy & Sales Director, represented CH2M at the White House Roundtable. "It was great to have CH2M recognized by President Obama as part of a select group of federal government suppliers that are leaders in achieving GHG reductions" said Mark. "I can also say with a lot of confidence that CH2M is a leader among leaders, based on what we have already accomplished, and the depth, breadth, and maturity of our sustainability program."

Later that day, the President [signed an Executive Order](#) committing the federal government to reduce GHG emissions by 40 percent, in part by working with suppliers like us. Together, [the combined results of the federal government actions and supplier commitments](#) will reduce GHG emissions by 26 million metric tons by 2025 from 2008 levels—the equivalent of taking nearly 5.5 million cars off the road for a year. Reflecting on the dialogue at the roundtable, Mark Morris stated, "All of the companies that participated in the roundtable emphasized the importance of what they were doing within their supply chains. What made CH2M stand out is that we are equally focused on our 'client chain,' where our sustainability expertise is spread, and our impact is multiplied through the thousands of projects we do."



President Obama makes a key point to Mark Morris (in the middle) and other federal suppliers in Washington DC

President Obama not only congratulated the federal suppliers that have made great strides in GHG emission reductions, but he also shared a new [contractor scorecard](#) from the White House Council on Environmental Quality. Designed to assist federal agencies in preferentially selecting low-carbon contractors, the scorecard

lists contractors with more than one billion dollars in federal business and shows their level of commitment to emissions reductions in classic stoplight style: red is no commitment, yellow is on the way to one, and green is success! In our sector, we are one of only a couple of contractors who have two green dots. **Since the Executive Order directs agencies towards low-carbon suppliers, those green dots are winners for us!**

Here's why this news is a game-changer:

Environmental stewardship is important to our business and many of our clients, and the [goals we set for emissions reduction](#) matter.

We've also had great press coverage from the announcement and the event. [ENR quoted Chairman and CEO Jacque Hinman](#) in its story about why this news is important: "It's a huge honor to be included at this White House Roundtable. As a leading provider of climate mitigation, adaptation, and carbon management solutions, we also wanted to set a meaningful internal climate action goal to do our part to mitigate climate impacts. We encourage other organizations and companies to join us in setting aggressive GHG reduction targets. It's not just good for the environment—it's also good for business."

[GreenBiz put the announcement in the context of supply chains](#), interviewing CH2M's Brandy Wilson, Veli Ivanova, and Doug Huxley and sharing great insights from Veli and Doug about the impacts of the Executive Order.

"I'd like to thank our fearless leaders, particularly Elisa Speranza, for embracing and establishing a carbon reduction target that is [award worthy](#), represents the best of CH2M, and was mentioned in Jacque Hinman's latest CEO Roundtable," said Enterprise Sustainability Director Brandy Wilson. "I'd also like to thank our Carbon Inventory and Management team members, who make sure that our emissions inventory is world class, third-party verifiable, and a shining example to our clients of our capabilities in this space: Doug Huxley, Erin Laude, Carolyn Meisner, Jennifer Fanson, Kate Crandell, Laura Weber, Chris Waller, Sean Menk, Natalie DelRio, Sabrina Dunford, Christina Strong, Mary Pat Campbell, Peter Jones, and Evan Cobb. Our carbon inventory is absolutely critical to maintaining our commitment and integrity in this space."

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