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Campus Environmental Management Systems



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The *2010 Survey of Environmental Management Systems (EMS) at Colleges and Universities* found that EMS implementation at U.S. colleges and universities has increased over 300% since 2006 when a similar survey was conducted.

Conducted by the Campus Consortium for Environmental Excellence (C2E2), the survey's significant findings include:

- ✓ The overwhelming EMS priority continues to be compliance with applicable environmental regulations, such as hazardous waste requirements.
- ✓ More than half of the 151 respondents have a complete EMS in place (17%) or a partial EMS in place for selected campuses or selected environmental impacts (35%). The real growth in campus EMS is the development of partial or selective program EMS deployment.
- ✓ Accountability and management review – based on the establishment of formal objectives and targets – was seen as the single most important factor leading to positive changes.
- ✓ EMS implementation experience has been mixed. More than 50% of respondents report limited progress or restrictions on the system's scope due to lack of interest in EMS or inadequate funding.
- ✓ More than 40% report that sustainability is being addressed within the scope of their EMS.

The 2010 survey is a follow-up to the *2006 Benchmark Survey of the State of Environmental Management Systems at Colleges and Universities* that assessed the "maturity" of campus EMSs with respect to scope, design and organizational integration. The 2010 Survey was developed to assess progress in the development and deployment of EMSs. More than 150 individuals from 133 colleges and universities responded to the 2010 survey.

The summary report, including a PowerPoint presentation and the survey form, is available on the C2E2 website at <http://www.c2e2.org/Final2010EMSReportPortfolio.pdf>

The mission of the Campus Consortium for Environmental Excellence (C2E2) is to support the continued improvement of campus environmental performance, which includes regulatory compliance, environmental management, and sustainability initiatives. For additional information with respect to this updated report, contact Tom Balf at tbalf@c2e2.org or 978-281-5020.