



NHDES Project Description

Project Title: Encouraging Superior Environmental Performance Through Management Systems, Recognition, and Rewards.

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Project components:

- 1) Policy on encouraging systematic environmental management and beyond-compliance environmental performance, a.k.a. "sustainability"
- 2) Website resources for EMS and sustainability-related information
- 3) Advisory/Stakeholder Group
- 4) EMS Training for different sectors – private, public-state, public-municipal
- 5) Strategy for small to medium-sized enterprises
- 6) Changes to college business curriculums
- 7) Mentoring – larger to smaller businesses (e.g., "Greening the Supply Chain")
- 8) Reward and Recognition Program for high environmental performers, multi-tiered, working title: "NH Sagamore"
 - a) "On-ramp" tier
 - b) Middle tier equivalent to EPA Performance Track
 - c) "Contract-based" tier for the very best.
- 9) NH Legislation, to authorize "NH Sagamore"
- 10) Outreach and coordination with EPA throughout. MOA with EPA to establish Sagamore-Performance Track relationship