

E-COMMERCE INTRODUCED VIA MONTHLY FPL BILLING

Broward County recently implemented another process that significantly increases productivity and efficiency. By doing away with a paper-intensive system, we now receive monthly bills from Florida Power and Light (FPL) electronically through a process known as EDI (electronic data interchange). This new system significantly reduces the amount of time associated with processing monthly billing statements and making payments in the Accounting Division and will improve the timeliness and

accuracy of energy cost and usage tracking for Energy Management.

"We receive more than 800 bills from FPL each month that previously required a clerk to verify the auditing functions," says Henry Bean of Accounting. "But with the utilization of EDI, this eliminates the need to perform preparation on documents before they were keyed into the system. Also, it reduces the number of checks issued to FPL."

Members from Finance, Accounting, and Energy Management formed an EDI Implementaion Team that has been

working to implement this process since 1996. The system will provide: better control of information; faster response time; reduce document cycle time; ensure payment timeliness; and, reduce errors.

"We've been working for a long time to get this system implemented and are very encouraged by the results we are experiencing," says Jennifer Woods, of Finance and Administrative Services. "Our next order of business is to start testing electronic payments. We look forward to using this experience to help us use EDI with more of our business partners."

MORE EV TRUCKS COMING THROUGH LEASE PROGRAM

The Board of County Commissioners recently approved a Lease Agreement that will build on the success and promotion of our Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) Program by increasing the number of electric vehicles (EVs) in the general fleet. Ford Motor Credit Company began offering a promotional three (3) year lease option on electric Ford Rangers to a selected group of fleets. Through the lease, AFV fleets



could acquire EV Rangers at a discounted monthly lease price compared to the high purchase price. Additionally, the lease option eliminated the costly need to replace battery packs and the possibility of owning a vehicle

that EV technology could surpass over any given three year period.

"We received grant funding from the state to purchase hydrogen-powered vehicles," says Don Steigerwald, AFV Supervisor. "But since that technology is still not available, they agreed to let us spend the money through this lease program."

Beyond the financial aspects of the program, we'll be adding approximately 14 no-emission vehicles that will further our pollution prevention efforts.

Alternative Fuel Vehicle Performance Update

Fiscal Year 2000 to Date (thru March):

Miles Driven	Fuel Cost Savings
CNG 228,327	CNG \$8,181
EV 32,424	EV \$1,787
LPG 21,284	LPG \$672

Energy Star Buildings Update

Pollution Prevention

CO2	42,520,200 lbs
SO2	161,497,856 grams
Nox	70,031,848 grams

Equivalents: Cars removed from the Road 4,252
Acres of Trees Planted 5,825