

The Better Buildings, Better Plants Program is a national initiative to significantly improve energy efficiency across U.S. industry. Leading manufacturers in the program work to reduce energy intensity throughout all of their U.S. manufacturing operations by 25% over ten years. The Energy Department helps these industrial partners develop energy management plans and performance metrics, evaluate energy-saving opportunities, train the workforce, and assess annual progress.

### Better Plants Partner agrees to:

- ▶ **Adopt a corporate-wide goal** to significantly reduce energy intensity over a 10 year period
- ▶ **Report** energy intensity, energy use data, and achievements annually to DOE

*Additionally, within 12 months partners agree to:*

- ▶ **Establish** an energy use and energy intensity baseline
- ▶ **Develop** an energy management plan
- ▶ **Designate** an energy leader or energy manager

### DOE agrees to provide:

- ▶ **National recognition** including a feature on DOE's website, recognition letters from DOE leadership, and invitations to special events.
- ▶ **Technical support** to assist the company in developing energy management plans, identifying energy-saving opportunities, tracking energy performance metrics and reaching its energy goal.
- ▶ **Additional resources**, including access to DOE energy analysis software tools, training webinars, technical guidance documents, and peer-to-peer networking opportunities

### Agreement:

My organization is committed to continuous improvement in energy efficiency and agrees to the General Terms of the Better Buildings, Better Plants Program.

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Senior Executive Officer (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

*Note: DOE will send an official Better Plants Welcome letter to the contact and address listed above*

### General Terms:

This agreement is voluntary. It is strictly for internal management purposes and is not legally enforceable and shall not be construed to create any legal obligation on the part of either party. This agreement can be terminated at any time without prior notification, penalties, or further obligation. DOE agrees to not comment publicly regarding a withdrawal of an agreement. This agreement does not authorize or obligate any party to expend, exchange, or reimburse funds, services or supplies, or transfer or receive anything of value. Companies and plants agree that they will not claim or imply that their participation in the Better Buildings, Better Plants Program constitutes federal government approval or endorsement of anything other than its commitment to energy efficiency and will not make statements or imply that DOE endorses the purchase or sale of products and services or the organization's view. All agreements herein are subject to, and will be carried out in compliance with, all applicable laws, regulations, and other legal requirements.