



Department of Energy

2016 Sustainability Awards Information



The DOE Sustainability Awards recognize exemplary achievement that advances sustainability at DOE sites and national laboratories. Nominations for the 2016 Sustainability Awards are being accepted through the DOE Sustainability Awards Database. The database allows for nominations to be created, edited, and submitted for consideration. If an account was created for a previous DOE Sustainability Awards submission, those credentials are still valid. Account creation and management (e.g., password assistance) may be performed directly through the database.

- **DOE Sustainability Awards Database:** www.sustainability.energy.gov/nominate
- **Deadline:** Friday, December 18, 2015

If you have questions or need technical assistance, please contact sustainability@hq.doe.gov.

Categories:

Sustainability SuperStars

Change Agent: An individual who takes the initiative to foster **behavior change** in their immediate work environment, organizational unit and/or site. Recognition will focus on efforts, large or small in scope, that advance one or more of the goals identified in the SSPP.

Exceptional Service/Sustainability Champion: The sustainability champion demonstrates a history of exemplary performance in leading implementation of sustainable practices while reflecting a comprehensive approach to energy and environmental management through innovative strategies, practices, and outreach.

Site and Project Awards

Sustainability Goal Management

Comprehensive and/or replicable management approaches to sustainability management, projects, or programs. Nominations may be at the organizational or campus-wide level, and should include cross-cutting strategies to achieve and exceed the goals of Executive Order (E.O.) 13693; the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct); the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA 2007); and the Department's Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan (SSPP).

Greenhouse Gas Scope 1 and 2: Site greenhouse gas reduction strategies and management approaches that address Scope 1 and 2 emissions. The approach should exceed or supplement targets in the SSPP and emphasize a holistic approach to greenhouse gas management.

Greenhouse Gas Scope 3: Site greenhouse gas reduction strategies and management approaches that address Scope 3 emissions. The approach should exceed or supplement targets in the SSPP and emphasize a holistic approach to greenhouse gas management, including teleworking and other emissions saving measures.

Renewable Energy: Recognizes outstanding achievements in planning, designing and constructing renewable energy to replace or lower conventional energy consumption.

Green Buildings: Site-wide programs and projects that promote comprehensive green building principles and demonstrate progress toward meeting the Guiding Principles for High Performance Sustainable Buildings. Projects should involve cross-cutting collaboration to support the Department's commitment to increasing reducing energy intensity, reducing operating costs, and meeting the Guiding Principles.

Fleet: Comprehensive and/or replicable approaches to fleet management programs. Programs may be at the organizational, regional, or campus-wide level and should include cross-cutting strategies to achieve and exceed the fleet goals.

Water: Recognizes an integrated approach to water resource management, addressing all water types as potential resources (waste, alternative, storm, grey, etc.) and identifying opportunities for their reuse.

Waste Reduction and Pollution Prevention: Recognizes innovative and effective waste reduction programs. Nominations should document waste diversion data, and composting activities. The approach should exceed or supplement targets in the SSPP.

Green IT: Recognizes exemplary performance in implementing Green IT, including power management, sustainable electronics acquisition, and data center sustainability.

Performance Based Contracts: Recognizes utilization of performance based energy contracts to achieve DOE sustainability goals that support E.O 13693 and the President's Performance Contracting Challenge.

Climate Change Adaptation: Recognizes outstanding achievement in development and implementation of adaptation and resilience strategies to climate change. Exemplary sites should use best available science and involve regional/local stakeholders in their efforts to adapt their programs, infrastructure and people to climate change.

Sustainable Innovation, Planning, & Engagement

Innovation and Holistic Approach: Recognizes innovative methods and cross-disciplinary research at the site level to support sustainability goal attainment. Innovative ideas to tackle broad-based sustainability issues may include but are not limited to:

- Holistic sustainability programs;
- Climate change adaptation planning;
- Regional and local engagement;
- Data management systems; and
- Sustainability savings reinvestment programs.

DOE Sustainable Campus: Recognizes a campus that has been designed or modified to promote sustainable operations. Aspects of a sustainable campus may include:

- Comprehensive green building planning and building management systems;
- Comprehensive water conservation planning, including sustainable landscaping;
- Promotion of walking, biking, ridesharing for travel within the campus;
- Public transportation, commuting, and teleworking initiatives; and

- Recycling, composting, and waste reduction programs.

SustainABLE Communications: Recognizes successful and innovative communication and marketing strategies that promote sustainability goals, successes and best practices. Nominations should focus on effective and unique outreach programs that engage stakeholders and discuss the benefits of sustainability.