

2016 ENERGY STAR[®] Awards Overview

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Excellence – ENERGY	All ENERGY STAR partner retailers, manufacturers, Energy Efficiency Program	
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We encourage all ENERGY STAR partners to apply for the prestigious Partner of the Year Awards. There is no separate application for Sustained Excellence Awards; the evaluation team at EPA determines which partners (based on current and past efforts) receive Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Awards. Beginning in 2013, we launched a form of additional recognition: the ENERGY STAR Climate Communicator Award. The Excellence Awards are a third tier of recognition for partners and other organizations that work with ENERGY STAR. For an overview of each award, see the table below.

Award	Eligibility*	Notes
Partner of the Year – Energy Efficiency Program Delivery	Utilities, state agencies, regional energy efficiency nonprofit organizations, associations, and other organizations that sponsor energy efficiency and environmental programs.	For-profit energy service and Product Providers, apply instead to Partner of the Year – Service and Product Providers
Partner of the Year – New Home Builder/Home Energy Rater/Affordable Housing	Home builder partners who formally committed to building 100% of their homes to ENERGY STAR guidelines; maintained a partnership with ENERGY STAR for one full year; and built at least 25 ENERGY STAR certified homes. In addition, home energy raters can be nominated by home builders. Affordable housing partners can apply through this category as well. State and local governments, non-profit organizations, associations, and utilities that used public funding (e.g., federal/state grants, LIHTC funds, ratepayer funds) to build ENERGY STAR certified single-family or low-rise multifamily homes for the low-income housing sector during the last calendar year, or that developed and administered publicly-funded policies and/or programs that promoted the construction of ENERGY STAR certified homes (single-family, low- or high-rise multifamily) in the past year.	Utilities, state agencies, regional energy efficiency nonprofit organizations, associations, and other organizations that sponsor sustained energy efficiency and environmental programs that either do not include ENERGY STAR certified homes for the low-income sector OR where ENERGY STAR certified homes for the low-income sector is but a component of a larger ENERGY STAR-focused sponsorship program should instead apply for the Partner of the Year – Energy Efficiency Program Delivery award.
Partner of the Year – Multifamily High Rise Developer	Must be an active ENERGY STAR Multifamily High Rise Developer partner; and have had an approved Project Application, Proposed Design Submittal or As-Built Submittal in 2013, or be actively benchmarking an ENERGY STAR certified multifamily building in 2013.	
Partner of the Year – Energy Management	ENERGY STAR partners that can demonstrate improved energy performance of buildings and plants through a corporate-wide energy program.	
Partner of the Year - Product Brand Owner	Manufacturers of ENERGY STAR qualified products and service providers (e.g., cable, satellite, and telecommunications providers) who label and distribute ENERGY STAR certified products.	
Partner of the Year – Retailer	Retailers of ENERGY STAR certified products. To be eligible for an award, applicant must be a partner in good standing, having complied with applicable partner commitments.	
Partner of the Year – Service and Product Provider	ENERGY STAR Partners that provide energy efficiency related products and/or services to the commercial, institutional, and industrial markets including energy services companies (ESCOs), unregulated energy retailers and marketers, engineers, architects, energy consultants, contractors, distributors, manufacturers, commercial lenders, energy information providers, and any other provider of energy efficiency-related products and/or services.	
Climate Communicator	All ENERGY STAR Partners. To be considered, please submit the application with narrative and quantifiable achievements that demonstrate how your ENERGY STAR efforts have helped consumers understand how their actions can individually and/or collectively protect the climate.	
Housing Innovation	All Home Performance with ENERGY STAR contractors	

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STAR Promotion	Sponsors, or other organizations, that planned and executed a successful promotion, marketing or consumer education campaign around an ENERGY STAR qualified product category, series of products, or ENERGY STAR at large.	
Excellence – Lighting Retailer or Showroom	Lighting retailers or showrooms stocking and promoting ENERGY STAR qualified light fixtures, and qualified lamps, of all technologies.	

ENERGY STAR[®] is the simple choice for energy efficiency. For more than 20 years, EPA's ENERGY STAR program has been America's resource for saving energy and protecting the environment. Join the millions making a difference at energystar.gov.