

2018 ENERGY STAR® Awards

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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 and Contractor of the Year Sustained Excellence Awards. Additional forms of recognition for partners and other organizations that work with ENERGY STAR are the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Contractor of the Year Award, the Excellence in Data Innovation Award, and the Excellence in ENERGY STAR Promotions Award. For an overview of each award, see the table below.

| Award | Eligibility* | Notes |
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| 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 - 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 - Home Energy Rater | Certified home energy raters, accredited rating providers, and accredited quality assurance providers that verified at least 100 ENERGY STAR certified homes during 2017. Must also be a partner in good standing, having complied with applicable partner commitments. | |
| Partner of the Year - Multifamily High Rise Developer | Multifamily high-rise developers who are building ENERGY STAR certified multifamily high-rise units and are active ENERGY STAR partners in good standing. | |
| Partner of the Year - New Home Builder | Home builders that constructed at least 50 ENERGY STAR certified homes (25 for affordable housing builders) in 2017, formally committed to building 100% of their homes to meet ENERGY STAR program requirements in 2017, and are active ENERGY STAR partners in good standing. | |
| 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. | |

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| 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. | |
| Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Contractor of the Year | All Home Performance with ENERGY STAR contractors | |
| Excellence – Data Innovation | ENERGY STAR energy efficiency program sponsors, service and product providers, state and local governments, and/or other partner organizations that have demonstrated innovation in increasing access to the data required by EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool, and/or expanding the use of the data and building performance metrics available from it. | This award is focused on innovation, and therefore will not recognize a partner for the same activity more than once. Organizations with ongoing but notable business practices supporting general benchmarking and the use of energy performance data should not apply for this award, but should instead apply for the Service and Product Provider Program Delivery or Partner of the Year award. |
| Excellence - ENERGY STAR Promotion | All ENERGY STAR partner retailers, manufacturers, Energy Efficiency Program 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. | |

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