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Dear ENERGY STAR® Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites your feedback on candidate technologies for the 2019 ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award. The deadline to submit nominations is **August 7, 2018**.

The ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award was created to raise the profile of innovative technologies that may not yet meet key principles associated with the ENERGY STAR program (e.g. widely available, cost-effective), but have the potential to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions once they are more widely adopted. As products in these categories become more mainstream, the relevant product categories then may become candidates for ENERGY STAR specification development. To be eligible, technologies must be:

- Commercially available, but not widely adopted (<5% market share);
- Offered by more than one supplier;
- Likely to significantly reduce greenhouse gases from the residential or commercial sector at competitive costs;
- Capable of delivering superior environmental performance, as demonstrated by independent third-party organizations;
- Environmentally acceptable (technology use is a net plus for the environment);
- Supported by capable partners with adequate financing and established business records;
- Well matched to EPA/ENERGY STAR competencies and appropriate roles.

There is no restriction on who may provide feedback or submit a nomination; however, nominations submitted by manufacturers must be accompanied by laboratory and/or field performance data. **EPA would welcome feedback and nominations from utilities on emerging technologies of interest to them as well**. Please note that EPA is accepting nominations for technology categories only. As examples, previous categories included: Micro Combined Heat and Power systems, Advanced Clothes Dryers, Demand Control Kitchen Ventilation systems, Innovative Refrigerant Systems, Solid-State Refrigeration, and Room Air Conditioners with Efficient Variable Output. Nominations should be sent to [emergingtech@energystar.gov](mailto:emergingtech@energystar.gov).

#### **Award Extension Notice for Room Air Conditioners with Efficient Variable Output (EVO) for 2019**

EPA is pleased to announce that the ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology recognition will be extended for room air conditioners with EVO into 2019. Room air conditioners with EVO remain a promising technology as they are able to vary the speed of the internal compressor motor in order to continuously control the temperature thereby saving energy. Extending this award category into 2019 will provide additional promotional opportunities and will continue to reward manufacturers as they introduce additional award-eligible systems.

Stakeholders with questions can contact Peter Banwell, EPA, at [banwell.peter@epa.gov](mailto:banwell.peter@epa.gov) and (202) 343-9408 or Emmy Feldman, ICF, at [emmy.feldman@icf.com](mailto:emmy.feldman@icf.com) and (202) 862-1145. To view previous Award categories and criteria, please visit [www.energystar.gov/emergingtech](http://www.energystar.gov/emergingtech).

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