

# ENERGY STAR® Commercial Food Service Newsletter—Spring/Summer 2020



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## **Congratulations to the 2020 ENERGY STAR® Winners!**

**Partner of the Year: Sustained Excellence:** Product Brand Owner

This award is the highest honor among ENERGY STAR Awards and is given to partners that have received the ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year recognition for a minimum of three consecutive years and have gone above and beyond the criteria needed to qualify for recognition.



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**Partner of the Year:** Product Brand Owner

This award recognizes ENERGY STAR partner businesses and organizations that demonstrate

superior leadership, innovation, and commitment to environmental protection through energy efficiency and ENERGY STAR.



### **Excellence in Product Design**

This award is given to companies that demonstrate leadership in the design and manufacture of ENERGY STAR certified products.



To learn more about the 2020 ENERGY STAR winners, please visit the webpage, [here](#).

It's never too soon to start preparing for your 2021 ENERGY STAR Award application! All partners are eligible to apply for ENERGY STAR awards including Product Brand Owners, Retailers, and Energy Efficiency Program Sponsors (EEPS). If your organization is interested in learning more about how to apply or how to strengthen your application, please contact Linnea Hofstrom at [Linnea.Hofstrom@icf.com](mailto:Linnea.Hofstrom@icf.com).

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### **Thank you to our Earth Day participants!**

The ENERGY STAR Commercial Food Service (CFS) team would like to thank partners for their Earth Day participation! We appreciate your commitment to ENERGY STAR, support for environmental protection, and celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Earth Day! Stay tuned for other promotional opportunities throughout the year, including ENERGY STAR Day in the fall.

Visit ENERGY STAR's [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages to see this year's Earth Day posts and other promotions.

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### **ENERGY STAR Spotlight: Commercial Coffee Brewer Partners**

Commercial coffee brewers are the newest CFS products to be eligible for the ENERGY STAR label, and we are excited to feature the newest product brand owner partner to certify products in this category:



[Newco Enterprises](#); St. Charles, MO

We encourage all partners with commercial coffee brewers to take advantage of the market value ENERGY STAR delivers. Batch commercial coffee brewers that earn the ENERGY STAR offer end users as much as 35% in energy savings and about \$35 per year in energy bill savings when compared to conventional models. Additional information on the commercial coffee brewer product category can be found, [here](#).

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## New Retail Partners in the Dealer & Distributor Locator

ENERGY STAR would like to welcome its newest retail partners and additions to the [Dealer & Distributor Locator tool](#).

The logo for Howe Corporation, featuring the word "HOWE" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font with a registered trademark symbol.

[Howe Corporation](#); Chicago, IL



[HM Store Fixture Company](#); Norcross, GA



[Alto Hartley](#); Alexandria, VA



[B2G Sales](#)

Do you work with a dealer or distributor that sells your ENERGY STAR certified products? Make sure they are listed on the ENERGY STAR Dealer & Distributor Locator! This online tool directs customers seeking ENERGY STAR certified commercial food service equipment to a retail partner's storefront or website. To use this tool, customers enter their zip code and the search engine generates a map and list of the nearest dealers and distributors, including their contact information, address, and website. We recommend CFS retail partners take advantage of this resource to promote their partnership with ENERGY STAR and to encourage sales of ENERGY STAR certified products.

Dealers and distributors interested in becoming ENERGY STAR retail partners can find more information, [here](#). ENERGY STAR retail partners that would like to add storefront(s), or website, to this tool, can complete the Google Form, [here](#).

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## Program Spotlight: SMUD's Pilot Natural Refrigerant Program



ENERGY STAR highlights Sacramento Municipal Utility District's (SMUD's) Pilot Natural Refrigerant Incentive Program for commercial and industrial customers.

This program works in conjunction with SMUD's Custom Incentive (for existing system retrofits) and Integrated Design Solutions (for new construction and extensive renovation) programs by offering additional incentives for installing natural refrigeration systems or retrofitting a system from a high-GWP refrigerant to a natural refrigerant such as ammonia, CO<sub>2</sub>, or hydrocarbon. The program provides incentives for the energy savings achieved through efficiency improvement and the direct greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through the use of natural refrigerants.

For more information, please contact Ryan Hammond at [Ryan.Hammond@smud.org](mailto:Ryan.Hammond@smud.org) and Kathleen Ave at [Kathleen.Ave@smud.org](mailto:Kathleen.Ave@smud.org) or visit the program webpage, [here](#). Please note that SMUD's natural refrigerant incentive is only available to commercial customers within SMUD service territory.



For supermarket retailers located in California and interested in upgrading to climate friendly, ultra-low GWP refrigerant systems, consider North American Sustainable Refrigeration Council's (NASRC) new Aggregated Incentives Program pilot!

This program helps reduce the cost barrier associated with projects that incorporate climate friendly, ultra-low GWP refrigerants by streamlining the incentive application process. The application requests organization and project details, and NASRC will identify funding sources that are available to the applicant, such as SMUD's Refrigeration Program. This program will be piloted in California this summer with a goal to expand nationally in the future. For more information about NASRC's Aggregated Incentives Program pilot, visit the program website, [here](#).



If you're interested in learning more about EPA's voluntary program with food retailers and affiliated stakeholders to reduce refrigerant emissions and transition to environmentally friendlier refrigerants, please visit the EPA's GreenChill website, [here](#). Additionally, you can search commercial refrigeration products by refrigerant type in ENERGY STAR's [Product Finder](#).

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## CEE Commercial Kitchens Initiative is Seeking Feedback on ACIMs and PRSVs



The Consortium for Energy Efficiency (CEE) is the binational organization of energy efficiency program administrators and a staunch supporter of the ENERGY STAR® Program.

CEE members are responsible for ratepayer-funded efficiency programs serving more than 50 million gas customers and 100 million electric customers. CEE members work to advance shared market transformation strategies (initiatives) through program committees. These committees in turn work with appropriate stakeholders when relevant expertise will improve the binational program strategy and strengthen the impact for mutual benefit. CFS industry partner feedback is integral to achieving successful binational strategies for program administrators to adopt.

The [CEE<sup>SM</sup> Commercial Kitchens Initiative](#) aims to define highly efficient cooking, refrigeration, and sanitation equipment across the United States and Canadian markets based on voluntary equipment performance specifications determined by CEE member consensus and industry input. CEE is seeking feedback from CFS industry partners on proposed revisions to the [CEE<sup>SM</sup> Commercial Kitchens Initiative related to](#) CEE specifications and initiative strategies for automatic commercial ice makers and pre-rinse spray valves. If your company would like to review either proposal, please contact Senior Program Manager, Bjorn Jensen at [bjensen@cee1.org](mailto:bjensen@cee1.org) or 617-337-9280 to obtain a copy of the proposal(s).

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## Specification Updates

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regularly updates ENERGY STAR product specifications. For every specification, product performance data submissions from partners are foundational to the process. Proposed efficiency levels tend to be based on the performance of existing certified models as well as data offered by manufacturers and other stakeholders during the specification process. Establishing requirements that reflect the performance of the highest efficiency models available sometimes requires going beyond the data at hand and anticipating the market. To this end, EPA relies on insights shared by stakeholders and partners to help the Agency anticipate important trends in the market. For more information on EPA's SOP for ENERGY STAR specification setting click [here](#).

The following information includes some helpful reminders as you prepare for upcoming specification changes and manage your inventory of ENERGY STAR certified products. Recent and upcoming specification activities include:

- **ENERGY STAR Commercial Dishwashers Final Draft Version 3.0**

ENERGY STAR Commercial Dishwashers Final Draft Version 3.0 was released on June 15, 2020. This final draft addresses stakeholder feedback on the previously released Draft 2 specification, the subsequent Draft 2 stakeholder webinar held on October 22, 2019, and the limited topic proposal that was published on March 4, 2020. EPA plans on publishing the Final Version 3.0 Commercial Dishwasher Specification no later than August 10, 2020 with an effective date of May 24, 2021. Remaining stakeholder comments regarding the Version 3.0 Final Draft Specification may be submitted no later than July 13, 2020. For more information on activities performed to date in preparation for this revision, please visit the product development webpage, [here](#). Contact [commercialdishwashers@energystar.gov](mailto:commercialdishwashers@energystar.gov) with any questions or comments.

- **ENERGY STAR Water Coolers Draft 1 Version 3.0**

ENERGY STAR Water Coolers Draft 1 Version 3.0 was released on June 2, 2020 and includes proposals in response to stakeholder feedback on the previously released discussion guide. A webinar will be held on June 24, 2020 from 1 PM to 3 PM EST to outline the Draft 1 specification. The deadline to provide comments on the specification is July 14, 2020. Stakeholders interested in participating in the webinar discussion can [register at this link](#) by June 22, 2020. For more information on activities performed to date please visit the product development webpage, [here](#). Contact [watercoolers@energystar.gov](mailto:watercoolers@energystar.gov) with any questions or comments.

- **ENERGY STAR Commercial Refrigerators and Freezers Discussion Guide Version 5.0**

ENERGY STAR Commercial Refrigerators and Freezers Discussion Guide Version 5.0 development is underway with anticipated release in the summer. Please contact [commercialrefrigeration@energystar.gov](mailto:commercialrefrigeration@energystar.gov) for details.

- **ENERGY STAR Commercial Ovens Draft 1 Version 3.0**

ENERGY STAR Commercial Ovens Draft 1 Version 3.0 development is underway with anticipated release in the fall. As part of a separate but related effort, ENERGY STAR is scoping induction stovetop technology, please contact [commercialovens@energystar.gov](mailto:commercialovens@energystar.gov) for details.

For more information regarding the ENERGY STAR specification process or additional CFS equipment updates, visit [www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment](http://www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment). For milestones on these and other upcoming specification revisions in 2020, visit the [ENERGY STAR Products Plan](#).

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