



2014 ENERGY STAR® National Building Competition Rules of the Game

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- Any organization can enter one or more commercial buildings of any type in the competition. To be eligible to compete, the buildings must have complete energy data entered in Portfolio Manager for calendar year 2013. Buildings may optionally choose to compete to save water in addition to energy. To compete for Top Water Saver recognition, the buildings must have complete water data entered in Portfolio Manager for calendar year 2013.
- Organizations can also enter teams of buildings to compete. Teams must consist of at least 5 buildings, and there is no cap on the number of buildings on a team. The buildings on a team can be leased, owned, occupied, or managed by one organization or multiple organizations. A building can compete on more than one team, and all buildings entered as part of a team will automatically be entered to compete individually. Example teams include:
 - Your entire portfolio of buildings
 - All schools in a school district
 - Five stores and a warehouse operated by a retailer
 - Ten buildings in a business improvement district
 - Multiple clients of an energy consulting firm
 - Ten baseball stadiums that are members of a national association
- The application period will be open from April 16 to May 16. All buildings that submit complete, whole-building energy use data (and water data, if competing) for calendar year 2013 through Portfolio Manager will be entered to compete.
- At the midpoint, competitors must update and submit complete energy use data (and water data, if competing) through June 30, 2014. EPA will provide a link to this Portfolio Manager report to competitors in September 2014.
- For the winner announcement, competitors must update and submit complete energy use data (and water data, if competing) through December 31, 2014. EPA will provide a link to this Portfolio Manager report to competitors in February 2015.
- EPA will provide the following recognition for the 2014 ENERGY STAR National Building Competition for achievements in energy and water efficiency:
 - **Top Team.** The team that reduces its energy or water use the most on a percentage basis over the course of the competition.
 - **Top Building.** The building that reduces its energy or water use the most on a percentage basis over the course of the competition.
 - **Top Building by Category.** The building in each category that reduces its energy or water use the most on a percentage basis over the course of the competition.
 - **20% Team Reduction.** Any team that reduces its energy or water use by at least 20% over the course of the competition.
 - **20% Building Reduction.** Any building that reduces its energy or water use by at least 20% over the course of the competition.
- The presumptive winners will be required to have their energy or water data for the baseline and comparative periods (calendar years 2013 and 2014) validated by a licensed professional engineer or registered architect to receive EPA recognition.