



# 2015 ENERGY STAR® National Building Competition

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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 2014. Buildings may optionally choose to compete to save water in addition to energy. To compete for Top Water Saver recognition, the buildings must also have complete water data entered in Portfolio Manager for calendar year 2014.
- 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 January 1 to May 31<sup>st</sup>. All buildings that submit complete, whole-building energy use data (and water data, if competing) for calendar year 2014 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, 2015. EPA will provide a link to this Portfolio Manager report to competitors in September 2015.
- For the winner announcement, competitors must update and submit complete energy use data (and water data, if competing) through December 31, 2015. EPA will provide a link to this Portfolio Manager report to competitors in February 2016.
- EPA will provide the following recognition for the 2015 ENERGY STAR National Building Competition for achievements in energy and water efficiency:
  - *Biggest Energy Loser – Team*: The team that reduces total weather normalized source energy or water use the most on a percentage basis from 2014 to 2015.
  - *Biggest Energy Loser – Building*: The building that reduces total weather normalized source energy or water use the most on a percentage basis from 2014 to 2015.
  - *Top Building by Category*: Competitors in each building category that reduce total weather normalized source energy or water use the most on a percentage basis from 2014 to 2015, where there are 10 or more buildings finishing.
  - *20% Improvement*: Any team or competitor that improves weather normalized source energy use or water efficiency by 20% or more from 2014 to 2015.
  - *Federal Team and Building* – The Federal team and building that reduce total weather normalized source energy or water use the most on a percentage basis from 2014 to 2015, and by 20% or more from 2014 to 2015.

- The presumptive winners will be required to have their energy or water data for the baseline and comparative periods (calendar years 2014 and 2015) validated by a licensed professional engineer or registered architect to receive EPA recognition.