



2016 ENERGY STAR® National Building Competition

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- **The registration period will run from May 17 through July 17, 2016.** EPA will provide a link on the competition website to submit your building data via ENERGY STAR's Portfolio Manager® tool. EPA will confirm your registration shortly after the July 17th registration deadline.
- **A participant can enter up to five buildings to the competition.** This year, EPA is encouraging organizations to choose buildings that have the most to gain by competing to reduce wasted energy (and, optionally, water), and to focus on them throughout the competition period. Therefore, no more than 5 buildings may be entered by any participant.
- **The competition will run from September 1, 2016 to November 30, 2016.** Competitors will work to reduce their energy (and, optionally, water) use during this three month period, as tracked in Portfolio Manager.
- **EPA will provide recognition to top buildings by type for energy and water savings.** Properties in each building category that reduce whole building weather normalized energy or water use per square foot the most will be recognized. Recognition is only available for categories of buildings with 10 or more competitors. An "Other" category will be created for those property types with fewer than 10 competitors.
- **Your data must be verified to receive EPA recognition.** If you qualify for recognition at the end of the competition, you'll be required to have your building energy or water data and square footage verified by a Professional Engineer or Registered Architect. Buildings that are not operating in a business as usual manner, that report vacant space or undergo construction during the competition period are not eligible for recognition.