



# 2014 ENERGY STAR® National Building Competition Rules of the Game

## ■ 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.
- 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:
  - All ten schools in a single school district, or ten schools representing the ten school districts in a city
  - Five retail stores owned by ABC and the 2 warehouses they lease that are owned by XYZ
  - Fifty buildings in a single city, representing city-owned and privately owned properties from 30 different entities
- The application period will be open from April 16 to May 16. All buildings that submit complete, whole-building energy use data for calendar year 2013 through Portfolio Manager will be entered to compete.
- At the midpoint, competitors must update and submit complete energy use data 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 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:
  - *Biggest Energy Loser – Top Team*: The team that reduces total weather normalized source energy use the most on a percentage basis from 2013 to 2014.
  - *Biggest Energy Loser – Top Building*: The building that reduces total weather normalized source energy use the most on a percentage basis from 2013 to 2014.
  - *Top Building by Category*: Competitors in each building category that reduce total weather normalized source energy use the most on a percentage basis from 2013 to 2014.
  - *20% Improvement*: Any team or competitor that improves total weather normalized source energy use by 20% or more from 2013 to 2014.
- The presumptive winners will be required to have their energy 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.