

The Better Plants Program is requesting nominations for the annual Better Plants Better Practice Awards. These awards will recognize Better Plants partners for innovative and industry-leading accomplishments in implementing and promoting practices, principles and procedures of energy management. Better Plants intends to award organizations representing a variety of sizes (small, medium, and large in terms of aggregated annual energy consumption¹). To be eligible, practices must be shown to drive organizational/cultural changes that facilitate improvements in energy performance.

Successful applications will address:

- New and innovative ways to improve energy productivity.
- Practices that can be a replicable pathway for U.S. facilities to enhance competitiveness.
- The research and execution of how the practice overcame one or more key barriers to energy or water efficiency.

Recognition:

- Award winners will be recognized in person during the industrial workshop at the Better Buildings Summit and/or other appropriate events, e.g. the World Energy Engineering Congress (WEEC).
- DOE will coordinate with the award winners to publicize the awards through the Better Buildings Solutions center, blog posts and articles in trade media.
- DOE staff will aim to identify speaking opportunities and other special promotion opportunities for award winners during the award year.
- Better Plants will aim to create highlight material (solutions at a glance or showcase projects) for all applications regardless of ultimate award status.

Judging Factors:

- Innovation (e.g. how new or emerging is the practice). Extra consideration will be given to practices not currently featured in the Solutions Center and/or have been implemented in recent years.
- Magnitude of impact on the organization.
- Replicability (e.g. is the practice easily replicable to other facilities nationwide).
- Communication (e.g. how well does the application describe the practice and outcomes).
- Diversity of practices (e.g. energy management, working with third parties, employee engagement/education) and partners to be awarded (size [energy consumption] and sector).

Eligibility:

- Any Better Plants company with current data submitted is eligible, e.g., annual report submitted for 2017.
- Awards are intended to recognize partner companies/organizations, and not specific individuals.
- Applications can only be made for implemented practices that occurred in U.S.-based plants.
- Partners may submit as many applications as they wish; however, no partner will be recognized with more than one Better Practice award.
- Greater consideration will be given to practices that were more recently implemented.

Thank you for taking the time to nominate yourself or another outstanding Better Plants partner!

Note: Maximum application length must not exceed four pages. Applications longer than four pages will not be considered. Please e-mail your nomination to: BetterPlants@ee.doe.gov

NOMINEE Partner: _____

¹ Small = < 0.2 Trillion Btu/year, medium = between 0.2 and 2.0 Trillion Btu, Large = > 2.0 Trillion Btu



Contact Name: _____
Position: _____
Contact Info: _____
(E-mail Address)
(Phone Number)

Name of Nominator (if different from Nominee): _____
Employer: _____
Position: _____
Contact Info: _____
(E-mail Address)
(Phone Number)

Practice Title: _____

Brief abstract of practice (no more than 300 words):

Multiple horizontal lines for writing the abstract.

I. Background, Goal and Objectives: Describe, in detail what was your organization's goal or desired outcomes, barrier(s) to achieving your organization's goal or desired outcome, and what was your solution to improve energy efficiency deployment across your organization? (10% of score)

II. Approach, Implementation and Execution: Please describe, what policies, process changes, outreach efforts, or tools/resources were developed/created, the timeline to develop/create and execute the company policies, process changes, outreach efforts or tools/resources identified above, the estimated cost/budget and staff or outside support required to develop/create and execute the policies, process, outreach efforts, or tools/resources identified above. Please describe the relative ease or difficulty of instituting this practice. (20% of score)

III. Outcomes & Measuring Success: Please describe, in detail, the outcome of your solution to improve energy efficiency deployment across your organization, the key success metrics, and how you organization is assessing these metrics. (30% of score)

IV. Sustained Impact: Describe how the implemented practice has led to corporate or industry change and have facilitated energy savings, improved productivity or advancement of energy management practices. If possible, please provide quantitative/qualitative measures of these impacts. (40% of score)