

2023 EFFICIENCY VERMONT AWARDS BEST OF THE BEST

COMMERCIAL BUILDING DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

GENERAL AWARD INFORMATION

AWARD CATEGORIES

Do you have a project that went above and beyond standard energy efficiency practices? If so, we want to hear about it. All entries will be considered for Best of the Best in Commercial Building Design and Construction.

SCHEDULE

- **Entries are due by JANUARY 27, 2023.** There is no entry fee.
- Judging will be completed in February and winners will be notified in late February.
- Awards will be presented at the Better Buildings by Design 2023 conference, taking place April 5 & 6, 2023.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a commercial, institutional, industrial, or multifamily (5+ units) building located in Vermont.
- Must be a new construction or major renovation (gut rehab) project with certificate of occupancy granted in 2021 or 2022.
- All information, images, and photographs submitted on the posters and entry forms must be released and cleared for public reproduction.

SUBMISSION FORMAT

1. A fully completed entry form, including photography and publicity release.
2. A maximum of 2 project posters, mounted on 24" x 36" foam core boards. Poster design is at the discretion of the team or individual and may include sketches, renderings, photographs, drawings, narratives, graphs, metrics, and spreadsheets, but must include content as follows:
 - Building name, size, type, occupancy, total project cost, and date of project completion.
 - A brief description of the project, including how energy efficiency was integrated into the building and systems designs, and the comprehensive approach used to achieve design objectives (site selection, building orientation and aesthetics, occupant comfort, etc.).
 - A table of "Key Energy Efficiency Measures" emphasizing the critical design and construction strategies implemented to save energy and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Include any known energy or financial impacts that can help the judges better understand the project.
 - Team, firm, and participant names must be restricted to a defined, separate area on one or more posters (as a footer, for instance), no larger than 360 square inches total. These sections will be concealed during judging and then displayed at the conference.
 - For projects that received any type of energy rating or have at least a year of actual energy consumption data, entrants are encouraged to include a summary of the certification scoring and/or energy performance results on their posters.
3. Email or USB / Flash Drive with individual jpg-format files of project photographs.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- **High Performance:** Demonstration of a comprehensive, whole-building approach to efficiency; Incorporation of innovative measures for optimal energy use.
- **Economics:** Energy efficiency, economic benefits, and cost-effectiveness of measures and strategies.
- **Building Design:** Overall design approach for purpose and/or site; Sustainability of measures/resources, including consideration of the embodied carbon of building materials; Non-energy benefits.

RECOGNITION

All entries will be showcased at Efficiency Vermont's Better Buildings by Design 2023 conference on April 5-6, and considered for the Commercial Building Design & Construction People's Choice Award. In addition, each award winner will receive the following:

- Framed certificate of recognition, presented at the Better Buildings by Design 2023 conference.
- Template press release and photo, for use by winner with customers, partners, and local media.
- Promotion in Efficiency Vermont's annual insert in the April issue of Vermont Business Magazine, including project name and photo.
- Promotion on the Efficiency Vermont website.
- Post-conference promotion through Efficiency Vermont marketing channels and on website.
- One complimentary registration for the Better Buildings by Design 2023 Conference.