

BEST OF THE BEST

COMMERCIAL BUILDING DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

GENERAL AWARD INFORMATION

Do you have a project that went above and beyond standard energy efficiency practices? If so, we want to hear about it.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Entries will be considered in the following categories. Depending on the number and type of entries received, sub-categories may also be established, such as for building size.

Commercial

- New Construction
- Major Renovation (Gut Rehab)

Multifamily

- New Construction
- Major Renovation (Gut Rehab)

SCHEDULE

- **Entries are due by November 16, 2018.** There is no entry fee.
- Judging will be completed in December and winners will be notified in early January 2019.
- Awards will be presented at the Better Buildings by Design 2019 conference, taking place February 6 & 7 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Burlington, Vermont.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Projects must be commercial, institutional, industrial, or multifamily (5+ units) buildings located in Vermont.
- Entries must feature new construction or major renovation (gut rehab) projects substantially completed between December 1, 2014 and November 30, 2018.
- All information, images, and photographs submitted on the posters and entry forms must be released and cleared for public reproduction.
- Projects entered in previous Efficiency Vermont awards competitions are not eligible.

SUBMISSION FORMAT

Complete entries are to be submitted in two parts as follows:

Email to awards@efficiencyvermont.com:

- A fully completed **entry form**, including photography and publicity release.
- Individual jpg-format files of **project photographs**
- **Digital version of project posters** in pdf-format

Mail or deliver to Efficiency Vermont:

- A maximum of 3 **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.).

Submission instructions continued on next page.

SUBMISSION FORMAT (continued)

- For projects that received any type of energy rating (e.g., ENERGY STAR®, LEED, Green Globes, VGBN Vermont Greenest Award, etc.) or have at least a year of actual energy consumption data, entrants should include a summary of the certification scoring and/or energy performance results on their posters.
- A table of “Key Energy Efficiency Measures”, as completed on page 2 of the entry form (may be sized and formatted as desired, but must provide the same content). For each of the five primary building systems or categories, outline the 1-3 key measures employed in the building. More may be listed, but consider emphasizing the critical design and construction strategies implemented to save energy. 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.

JUDGING CRITERIA (weighted as shown)

40% Economics

- Comprehensive approach to energy criteria and goals
- Energy efficiency measures and strategies
- Economic benefits and cost-effectiveness of energy-related designs
- Energy management and operations strategies

20% Design

- Overall design approach for purpose, site, occupants, community
- Architectural and aesthetic qualities and appearance
- Sustainability of design, measures, and resources

20% Enhanced Performance

- Unique or additional measures incorporated
- Innovative or ‘beyond standard practice’ energy/sustainability measures
- Allowance for integrating future energy-related changes or upgrades

20% Presentation

- Effective communication of project details for judging the above criteria
- Completeness of information per submission requirements
- Clear and effective overall presentation

RECOGNITION

All entries will be showcased at Efficiency Vermont’s Better Buildings by Design 2019 conference February 6 & 7 at the DoubleTree in Burlington.

In addition, each award winner will receive the following:

- Framed certificate of recognition, presented at the Better Buildings by Design 2019 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 February 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 2019 Conference.