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ANSWER A FEW SIMPLE QUESTIONS

Submitting a nomination for the Excellence in Energy Awards is quick and easy. With only seven required questions, it takes just a few minutes to complete, and it's well worth your time.

VIEW SAMPLE SUBMISSIONS BY CATEGORY

As you prepare the submission, use the examples below as a guide to help describe the organization's accomplishments in the category or categories you've selected.

COMMUNITY

A school district in Texas hosts an annual Prize Parade event, where community partners award mini-grants to support teachers and campuses. These grants are designed to fund innovative educational projects that enhance student learning — initiatives that might not be covered by the district's regular budget.

The Prize Parade typically takes place in December and is made possible through the collaboration of a district education foundation and its community supporters. During the event, teams composed of community members, alumni, business leaders, district staff, students, and school board members visit campuses to surprise educators and deliver the grants in person.

Over the past two decades, the education foundation has awarded more than three million dollars in classroom mini-grants. Its mission is to elevate the quality of education, encourage academic excellence, and recognize the dedication of teachers and staff.

SUSTAINABILITY

A regional energy consortium in the United States is making major strides toward achieving ambitious renewable energy goals. Comprised of over 30 local members — including municipal departments, public utilities, cultural institutions, and boroughs within a metropolitan area — the group is leading the way in collaborative sustainability efforts.

Key accomplishments and initiatives include:

- Increasing renewable energy purchases from 35% to 100%
- Incorporating power purchase agreements (PPAs) into their energy procurement
- Hosting impactful Earth Day events that engage local businesses and communities
- Developing a comprehensive Energy & Climate Action Plan aimed at balancing energy sourcing with consumption
- Promoting diversity and inclusion as a model for other organizations in the region
- Initiating the conversion of all municipal street lighting to energy-efficient LED technology

This consortium exemplifies how coordinated action and shared goals can drive meaningful environmental progress and inspire broader community engagement.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

A high-rise condominium community consisting of over 600 units across two 14-story towers has made significant strides in energy efficiency and infrastructure modernization in recent years. The property also includes a two-level underground parking garage and has undergone a series of major upgrades aimed at reducing energy consumption and improving building performance.

In 2020 and 2021, both towers received full roof replacements, transitioning from older ballasted systems to modern, reflective asphaltic roofing to enhance energy efficiency. In 2023 and 2024, the central chiller plants were upgraded with advanced 600-ton magnetic-bearing chillers, projected to reduce annual electricity usage by up to 30%.

That same year, the original 64-year-old electrical switchgear in both towers was fully replaced, ensuring improved safety and reliability. Additionally, over two miles of corridor and stairwell lighting — along with the garage lighting — were converted to energy-efficient LED fixtures.

Looking ahead, the community is launching a resident-focused energy savings program to encourage individual unit owners to participate in sustainability efforts. These collective improvements have already earned the property a high score of 95 on a regional energy benchmarking program, reflecting its commitment to environmental responsibility and operational excellence.

Nominate your organization for an Excellence in Energy Award today.

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