



2013 Standard Bearers: Excellence in Energy Code Compliance Award

Introduction

The Institute for Market Transformation (IMT) will recognize jurisdictions and code officials that are using strategies that have proved successful in achieving building energy code compliance and energy reduction in a cost-effective manner. Energy code compliance refers to whether a building meets the provisions of the energy code during design and construction phases. Winners of the *2012 Excellence in Energy Code Compliance Award* can be found [here](#).

Winners will be featured on IMT's website (www.imt.org), in press releases, and announced at IMT's booth at the International Code Council 2013 Annual Conference in Atlantic City, N.J.

Eligible Entries

All local and state government enforcement programs are eligible, including but not limited to: energy code compliance training programs; programs that depend on third-party enforcement companies; and programs supported by utilities. IMT anticipates awarding winners in the following categories: large jurisdiction (pop. 100k+), small jurisdiction (pop. <100k), energy code champion, and best state level program.

Directions

Email the completed form to ryan@imt.org as a .pdf file. Attach supporting materials as appropriate. **Applications are due August 30, 2013.** IMT may conduct interviews with finalists before choosing winners. There is no limit on the length of submissions.

Please direct all questions to Ryan Meres at ryan@imt.org.

Award Criteria

Entries will be judged by a panel of judges assembled by IMT, based on the following criteria:

1. *Achievements.* Programs must demonstrate success in achieving code compliance.
2. *Cost-effectiveness.*
3. *Innovation.* The incorporation of innovative strategies, significant collaboration between stakeholders, or methods to deal with existing barriers.
4. *Market-transforming Effects.* Demonstrated ability of the initiative to impact the habits of the jurisdiction's building department and energy code enforcement industry.



5. *Replicability and Documentation.* The effort undertaken to share lessons learned, so that other jurisdictions can learn from others' experiences and implement similar programs.

About IMT

The Institute for Market Transformation (IMT) is a Washington, DC-based nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting energy efficiency, green building, and environmental protection in the United States and abroad. Much of IMT's work addresses market failures that inhibit investment in energy efficiency. For more information, visit imt.org.

Application

Part 1. Basic Information

Jurisdiction:

Applicant's Name, Title:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Estimated Population Served:

Average Number of Permits Issued Annually (please break out numbers for commercial, residential, and renovations/alterations if possible):

List energy code certifications inspectors hold and ongoing training requirements (if any):

Part 2. Program Description

Please describe the code compliance policy or program, explaining the following, in detail:

- How the compliance strategy works
- When it was implemented
- How it started, and why it is successful
- Stakeholders and government officials who were involved with its design and implementation
- What is the average annual budget for the program activities?
- Describe how the program is funded.
- Attach supporting material as appropriate.

Part 3. Optional and Supplemental Questions

The questions presented below are strictly OPTIONAL and can be used to guide and supplement the narrative required in Part 2. Attach supporting documentation as appropriate.

1. Innovation

- Describe challenges or barriers faced during design and/or implementation. How were they overcome?
- Does the program rely on technology (laptops, tablets, smart phones, software, etc.) to be effective?

2. Replicability

- How might the program be improved?
- What were lessons learned that could be shared with other jurisdictions?

3. Other impacts

- Are there other noticeable benefits of the policy that are not reflected in the provided data? For example, is there now a more efficient allocation of resources? Has the program stimulated the creation of new jobs or encouraged development of the retail or commercial sectors? Has the program motivated builders to seek further training or build more energy-efficient buildings?
- Are stakeholders satisfied with the new strategy and code compliance procedure?