

STANDARD BEARERS

THE EXCELLENCE IN ENERGY
CODE COMPLIANCE AWARD

STATE AND LOCAL JURISDICTION APPLICATION

2016 STANDARD BEARERS: EXCELLENCE IN ENERGY CODE COMPLIANCE AWARD

APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 15, 2016

ABOUT IMT

Founded in 1996 and based in Washington, D.C., IMT envisions a future in which the social, environmental, and economic value of energy efficiency is realized and all buildings are highly efficient. Such a future requires market transformation, a process of strategic intervention in the market to remove the barriers to broader adoption of energy efficiency.

ABOUT ICC

The International Code Council is a member-focused association. It is dedicated to developing model codes and standards used in the design, build and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures. Most U.S. communities and many global markets choose the International Codes.

The International Codes, or I-Codes, published by ICC, provide minimum safeguards for people at home, at school and in the workplace. The I-Codes are a complete set of comprehensive, coordinated building safety and fire prevention codes. Building codes benefit public safety and support the industry's need for one set of codes without regional limitations.

The Institute for Market Transformation (IMT) and the International Code Council (ICC) will recognize jurisdictions and code officials 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 the phases of design and construction. Winners of the 2015 Standard Bearers Award can be found on IMT.org.

Award recipients will receive a travel stipend to attend the 2016 ICC Annual Conference and Public Comment Hearings in Kansas City, MO., to be honored at the ICC Awards Luncheon. Winners will also be photographed and featured in a press release sent to national, trade, and local media. Award recipients will be profiled on the IMT and ICC websites and partner newsletters.

ELIGIBLE ENTRIES— STATE AND LOCAL JURISDICTION

All local and state government energy code compliance programs are eligible, including but not limited to: energy code training programs; programs that depend on third-party compliance companies; and programs supported by utilities. Three awards will be given in the following categories: State Level Program, Jurisdictional Level Program, and Energy Code Leader for individual efforts. (Note: to nominate yourself or someone else as an Energy Code Leader, please fill out the "Energy Code Leader" application)

AWARD CRITERIA

Entries will be judged by a panel of judges assembled by IMT and ICC, based on:

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.

DIRECTIONS

Email the completed form to awards@imt.org as a .pdf file. Attach supporting materials as appropriate. Applications are due July 15, 2016. IMT may conduct interviews with finalists before selecting award recipients. There is no limit to the length of submissions.

Please direct all questions to awards@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?
- Description of how the program is funded
- Attached 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?

PART 4. SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Please include any supporting materials that will help make the case for the candidate to receive the award.

Supporting materials can include:

- Videos or slides of past presentations
- Local news stories or testimonials
- Photographs
- Campaigns
- Other awards or accolades