

Better Buildings Challenge: Community Partner Agreement

The **Better Buildings Challenge** is a Presidential leadership initiative which calls on chief executive officers, university presidents, and state and local leaders to create American jobs through building energy efficiency. **Community Partners** advocate for energy efficiency, develop innovative partnerships and approaches, and share successful models for others to follow.

Community Partner Agrees to:

✓ Commit

- Assign a **senior leader** to fulfill Better Buildings Challenge commitments within 1 month
- Work with **local businesses and universities** and encourage them to assess opportunities to promote measurable energy efficiency savings and **publicly pledge a commitment to action for the next 2–5 years**
- Publicly announce one or more **innovative energy efficiency initiatives** to execute in a transparent manner within 6 months

✓ Take Action

- Publicly **announce a showcase initiative** within 3 months and begin significant work within 9 months
- Implement a **program to fulfill commitments** with a corresponding schedule within 9 months and provide quarterly milestone updates

✓ Report Results

- **Share information** on the energy efficiency partnerships and implementation models used to achieve the energy-savings pledge
- Publicly **report on progress** in promoting energy efficiency and saving energy as the basis for recognition
- **Share successful energy efficiency initiatives** with the Better Buildings Challenge network

The Department of Energy (DOE) Agrees to:

✓ Assist

- Consult with Community Partner in identifying and shaping **commitment opportunities**
- Provide **technical assistance** and **energy efficiency implementation models** to support Partner's commitment
- Collaborate with Partner on a regular basis

✓ Connect

- Establish a **marketplace of energy efficiency stakeholders**, such as government, industry, service providers, financial institutions, and technology companies
- **Connect Community Partners** with Financial Allies that commit to transparency and 'good faith' efforts to evaluate projects, Technology Allies that commit to providing innovative products, and Service Allies that commit to provide best practice business models for energy savings and disclosure of results

✓ Recognize Success

- **Recognize Community Partners for helping achieve** program milestones and energy efficiency results
- **Showcase Community Partners** who leverage, develop, and share innovative and cost-effective energy efficiency implementation models

Agreement:

My organization is committed to continuous improvement in energy efficiency. We agree to the Better Buildings Challenge General Terms.

Senior Leader/ Government Leader

Contact Information:

Company: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Title: _____ E-mail: _____

More Specific Commitment: _____

General Terms

- Both parties concur that this agreement is wholly voluntary and may be terminated by either party at any time, and for any reason, with no penalty.
- Partner will not construe, claim, or imply that its participation in the Better Buildings Challenge constitutes federal government approval, acceptance, or endorsement of anything other than Partner's commitment to the program.
- Partner understands its participation in the Better Buildings Challenge does not constitute federal government endorsement of Partner or its buildings, homes, products, services, or facilities.
- Partner understands that the activities it undertakes in connection with the Better Buildings Challenge are voluntary and not intended to provide services to the federal government. Partner will not submit a claim for compensation to any federal agency.
- The Better Buildings Challenge will honor all requests to keep the Partner's information and data confidential.