

The **Better Buildings Challenge** is a national leadership initiative which calls on chief executive officers, university presidents, and state and local leaders to create American jobs through energy efficiency. **Better Buildings Challenge Partners** will make public commitments to action—specifically committing to reducing their energy intensity across their entire portfolio by at least 20 percent within 10 years—and implement plans that improve our economy, environment, and energy independence.

The Partner Agrees to:

✓ Commit

- ▶ **Publicly pledge** to improve energy intensity of the entire portfolio by at least 20 percent within 10 years
- ▶ Assign a **senior executive and primary point of contact** to fulfill Better Buildings Challenge commitments within 1 month
- ▶ Develop an **organization-wide plan with energy reduction milestones** to achieve energy savings commitment

✓ Take Action

- ▶ Publicly **announce an initial showcase project** (e.g., retrofit, retro commissioning) within 3 months and initiate the project within 9 months
- ▶ Announce the use of one or more **energy efficiency implementation models** within 6 months

✓ Report Results

- ▶ **Share information** on the energy efficiency implementation models used to achieve the energy savings commitment
- ▶ Make available **portfolio-wide, building-level energy performance** information used to document progress toward achieving energy reduction goals on an annual basis. Partners are encouraged to submit data in 6 month intervals
- ▶ **Provide regular updates on progress** with showcase projects and energy efficiency implementation models, energy savings across the organization, and energy performance as the basis for recognition

The Department of Energy Agrees to:

✓ Assist

- ▶ Provide **technical assistance and energy efficiency implementation models** to support Partners' commitment to measure, track, and improve portfolio energy performance
- ▶ 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 Partners** with Allies that commit to transparency and good faith efforts to provide products, services, financing, and other resources to evaluate and support energy efficiency projects

✓ Recognize Success

- ▶ **Provide national recognition to Partners** for achieving program milestones and energy efficiency results
- ▶ **Recognize 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 and agrees to the General Terms of the Better Buildings Challenge.

Senior Executive Officer

Date

Contact Information

Organization: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Square Footage Commitment: _____

Energy Savings Goal (e.g., 20% reduction in energy intensity by 2023): _____

General Terms

- ▶ All parties concur that this agreement is wholly voluntary and may be terminated by any 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 industrial 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.