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# Informational Webinar: 2017 Climate Leadership Awards

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The Climate Registry



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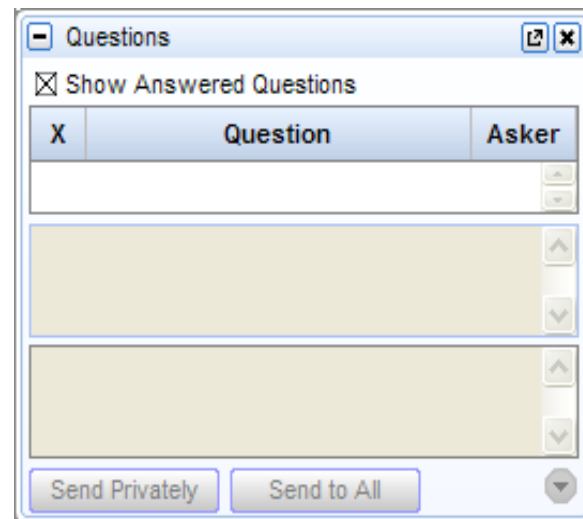


# Speakers

- **Chelsea Hasenauer** – Program Associate, Technical Services, The Climate Registry
- **Tim Juliani** – Senior Director, Business Strategy & Partnerships, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES)
- **Melissa Klein** – Communications Lead, Center for Corporate Climate Leadership, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



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# Introduction and Overview

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## A Co-Sponsored Awards Program

The U.S. EPA co-sponsors the Climate Leadership Awards (CLA) with the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES) and The Climate Registry. The CLAs recognize the outstanding voluntary work that organizations and individuals pursue in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building resilience to climate change.

*"The co-sponsorship of this recognition opportunity reflects EPA's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and recognizing leadership on climate change. We are pleased to be partnering with non-profit organizations that have demonstrated expertise in GHG emissions management."*

– Gina McCarthy, EPA Administrator





# 2016 Awardees

In 2016, we were proud to honor 13 organizations, 3 partnerships, and 1 individual in the public and private sector. <http://www.epa.gov/climateleadership/2016-climate-leadership-award-winners>





## What 2016 CLA Winners Are Saying...

"We are committed to delivering sustainable solutions that are good for business and for the world. Cisco is honored to be a part of the climate leader community and accept this award from the EPA on behalf of the people of Cisco's global supply chain."

**- John Kern, SVP of Supply Chain, Cisco Systems**

"Dallas Fort Worth International Airport is honored to be the first airport recipient of the EPA award for Excellence in Greenhouse Gas Management - Goal Setting. We are committed to leadership in sustainability within our industry and will continue to focus on reducing our carbon footprint. This award reminds us we are on the right track in serving our Airport and our world."

**- Sean Donohue, CEO, DFW International Airport**

"It's an honor to be recognized as a leader in reducing climate impact. We are very proud to have achieved a 6.9 percent reduction in our absolute greenhouse gas emissions over the last four years, and we remain committed to improving energy efficiency across our global operations."

**- Lisa Morden, Senior Director, Global Sustainability, Kimberly-Clark**







## What 2016 CLA Winners Are Saying...

“This award reflects the dedication and focus that the Postal Service and all of its employees place upon the effort to reduce our impact upon the environment. I am especially grateful for the professional work, demonstrated on a daily basis, by the staff of the Postal Service Office of Sustainability.”

**- Thomas G. Day, Chief Sustainability Officer, U.S. Postal Service**

“Climate change management is a core value of the California Department of Water Resources. Led by our Climate Change Program team, and working with numerous partners, DWR has consistently delivered water management tools and guidance for this important work. We are delighted that our efforts are being recognized nationally by this award.”

**- Mark Cowin, Director, California Department of Water Resources**

“I am proud that the Minneapolis Clean Energy Partnership has received this national recognition for its first-in-the-nation city-utility partnership. Our city has consistently been a leader on climate action, and by working with local utilities to achieve our climate goals, we will ensure that our efforts will have a lasting and measureable impact.”

**- Elizabeth “Betsy” Hodges, Mayor of Minneapolis, Minnesota**





# Recognition Categories

- Excellence in Greenhouse Gas Management (Goal Setting Certificate)
- Excellence in Greenhouse Gas Management (Goal Achievement Award)
- Innovative Partnership Certificate
- Supply Chain Leadership Award
- Individual Leadership Award
- Organizational Leadership Award



## Updated Requirements Reflect New GHG Protocol Scope 2 Guidance

- If the organization has a GHG reduction goal with an achievement year of 2015 or later, the organization must include both location-based and market-based scope 2 emissions in its reported GHG inventory for both the base year and the achievement year.
- GHG reduction goals can be based on either the location-based method or the market-based method. The organization will specify in the application which method is used, and should also specify this in public communication of the goal.
- If applicants have not yet calculated both location- and market-based emissions, they have time to do so before the application deadline.
- For assistance, please see the [Center's electricity guidance document](#) or send questions through the Center's [Contact Us](#) page.



## Eligibility Requirements: ALL Award Categories

### The following criteria apply to ALL applicants:

- Applicants must have significant operations in the United States. Given the global nature of climate change, the majority of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions do not have to occur in the U.S.
- Corporate/Organizational budget must be at least \$100 million (except in the Innovative Partnership category).
- Organizations must have absolute GHG goals (except in the Innovative Partnership and Individual categories) that fulfill the minimum criteria.
  - Goals must achieve (or commit to, in the case of Goal Setting) at least a 1.8% reduction per year over the life of the goal. For example, a 5-year goal must commit to at least 9% total reduction.
- Leadership activities must have taken place between January 1, 2014 and September 26, 2016 and must be currently active.
  - Goal Achievers, however, have one additional year to demonstrate an achieved GHG reduction goal. For Goal Achievement category, leadership activities must have taken place between January 1, 2013 and September 26, 2016.
- Finalists must pass an EPA compliance screen in order to be selected.

*Note: Organizations may not reapply for the same award category for two award cycles. (e.g., If company A receives an Organizational Award in 2015, the company would not be able to apply for the Organizational Award again until the 2018 awards).*





# Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants for all categories (except Individual Leadership & Innovative Partnership Categories) must submit documentation of a current GHG inventory (to include all GHG emissions from scope 1 and 2 sources at minimum) that is publicly reported, and their publicly reported base year inventory that is third-party verified either to a 'limited' or "reasonable" level of assurance, or has been through a third-party critical review.
- For the Goal Achievement Award, a verified inventory for both base year and achievement year are required.
- Applicants with inventories previously reviewed and approved under EPA's former Climate Leaders program may submit those for the relevant years referenced in the application (considered critical review); however, if the applicant's inventories have undergone significant adjustments since their participation in the Climate Leaders program, then the applicant's inventories may need to be re-verified to meet the aforementioned data quality requirements.
- More detailed criteria can be found online and as an appendix in each application.





# Eligibility Requirements

- The geographic boundaries of the applicant's reduction goal must include all U.S. operations, all North America operations, or all global operations.
- The reduction goal should include all scope 1 and 2 (either location-based or market-based) emissions sources that fall within the chosen geographic boundary. The goal boundaries must remain consistent throughout the goal period.
- The goal must be an absolute reduction goal. Intensity goals will only be accepted if accompanied by a publicly announced absolute reduction goal.
- The base year for a first generation goal may not be more than four years prior to the year the goal was publicly announced. For instance, for first generation goals set in 2016, 2012 would be the earliest base year allowed. Subsequent goals may use the same base year as a previous goal, provided that the new goal extends the goal period by three years at a minimum.
- The goal period (the time between the base year and achievement year) should be no fewer than three and no more than 12 years for a first generation goal. Subsequent goals that use the same base year may extend the previous goal period by no fewer than three and no more than 12 years.
- Goals must represent an aggressive reduction - Please see FAQs and criteria pages for more information.



## 2016

- **June 22** Award application period opens
- **September 26** Award application period closes
- **Mid Dec./Jan.** Winner and non-winner notifications

## 2017

- **March 1-3** Climate Leadership Conference, Chicago, IL
- **March 2** Climate Leadership Awards Dinner, Chicago, IL



# Application & Submission Process

- Review the general eligibility requirements and the specific evaluation criteria for the category to which you are applying - see the EPA's Climate Leadership Awards webpage at <https://www.epa.gov/climateleadership/climate-leadership-awards>.
- Download and save to your own computer: application form(s) and, if applicable, the third-party reference form (for Organizational and Individual Leadership) from EPA's site.
- Complete the application package, save it to your computer, and submit a copy by e-mail to **applications@ClimateLeadershipAwards.org** with the following subject line: *Application for [Insert Award Category Name]*.







## Next Steps

- Submit any questions regarding the application process and various awards categories by email to U.S. EPA and its partners at **questions@ClimateLeadershipAwards.org**.
- Application forms will be evaluated by EPA, C2ES, and TCR in collaboration with independent committees of recognized experts.
- All applicants will be reviewed to ensure that they are in good standing with EPA.
- Award winners will be notified in December 2016 (latest early January 2017).





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# AWARDS DINNER AND CLIMATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



## Awards Dinner and Climate Leadership Conference

- An Awards Dinner to honor award recipients will be held during the sixth annual Climate Leadership Conference, March 1-3, 2017 in Chicago, Illinois!
- Conference information will be regularly updated at [www.ClimateLeadershipConference.org](http://www.ClimateLeadershipConference.org)





## Awards Dinner and Climate Leadership Conference

- Conference participants will offer and hear climate-related solutions on topics including:
  - Leveraging Clean Energy Opportunities
  - Managing Climate Risks and Building Resilience
  - Supply Chain Strategies
  - Disclosures and Questionnaires
  - Setting and Achieving GHG Reduction Goals
  - Education & Engagement Strategies
  - Making the Business Case for Climate Response





## Awards Dinner and Climate Leadership Conference

### Climate Leadership Conference Highlights:

- 2,000+ participants over the past five years addressing climate change in this forum for dialogue and solutions. 400+ climate professionals participated in the 2016 conference.
- Networking opportunities and events with sustainability professionals from the public and private sectors, including federal/state government officials, industry leaders, and non-profit experts.
- Innovative ideas and best practices on topics such as energy efficiency, clean energy opportunities, setting and achieving GHG reduction goals, engaging supply chains, and other applications for measuring, managing, and reducing emissions.
- Emerging best practices on climate resilience/adaptation planning & implementation.
- Peer exchange on managing carbon footprints both internally and throughout the supply chain, while maintaining focus on the top and bottom lines.
- Climate Leadership Awards Dinner, held in conjunction with the conference.





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# EXCELLENCE IN GHG MANAGEMENT: GOAL SETTING CERTIFICATE & GOAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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### What does leadership in GHG management look like?

- Public disclosure of entity-wide GHG emissions.
- Third-Party Verification of GHG inventory.
- Public establishment of an aggressive entity-wide GHG reduction goal that exceeds business-as-usual performance forecast.
- Transparent implementation of GHG mitigation activities that demonstrate GHG emission reductions are not largely the result of organic growth or decline.
- Achievement of publicly-set, aggressive, and entity-wide GHG reduction goals.



## Excellence in GHG Management (Goal Setting Certificate)

*The **Goal Setting Certificate** recognizes organizations that publicly report and verify organization-wide GHG inventories and publicly set aggressive GHG emissions reduction goals.*

### Applicants will be evaluated on the following:

- Inclusion of base year inventory report broken out by scope 1 and 2 emissions (and any scope 3 emissions included in the reduction goal), and all GHGs;
  - To maintain consistency with the GHG Protocol Scope 2 Guidance, reduction goals with achievement years of 2015 or later must include both location-based and market-based emissions in the base year inventory report.
- Inclusion of third-party verification statement for base year inventory;
- Demonstration of aggressive GHG reduction goal, which is current, and publicly communicated;
- Thorough description of planned GHG mitigation activities aimed at meeting reduction goal;
- Completed applications adhering to eligibility requirements.







## Excellence in GHG Management (Goal Setting Certificate)

### Specific Requirements for Goal Setting Applicants

#### GHG Inventory & Verification

- Link to current, publicly disclosed entity-wide GHG inventory.
- Base year inventory report of scope 1 and 2 emissions, which includes CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, SF<sub>6</sub>, PFCs, HFCs, within an entity's corporate boundary (U.S., North American, or global operations). Relevant scope 3 emissions must also be reported if they are incorporated in the reduction goal.
  - Base year inventory reports must include both location-based and market-based emissions when supporting reduction goals with achievement years of 2015 or later.
- The base year inventory boundary should match the boundary of the reduction goal. Up to 5% of the base year GHG inventory could be accounted for using simplified estimation methods OR excluded as immaterial.
- Verification statement for base year inventory. Must meet one of the following levels of assurance:
  - **Reasonable** – considered highest level of confidence in the GHG data accounted for; comprehensive review and site visits allow the verifier to report in a positive statement that 'reasonable assurance that an emissions report is materially correct'
  - **Limited** – still comprehensively reviewed, but to a lesser degree; allows the verifier to report in a negative assertion that 'there is no evidence that an emission report is not materially correct'
  - **Critical Review** – conducted by an independent third party who, at a minimum, ensures that the measurement methodologies and data collection processes are consistent with international best practice and are scientifically and technically valid





## Excellence in GHG Management (Goal Setting Certificate)

### Specific Requirements for Goal Setting Applicants

#### Goal criteria:

- Goal must be set and publicly announced between January 1, 2014 and September 26, 2016;
- Within the chosen boundaries, goal must cover all scope 1 and 2 emissions sources and remain consistent throughout goal period;
- Goals with achievement years after 2015 can be based on either location-based or market-based emissions, and should specify the method chosen in public communication of the goal and in application materials;
- The base year for a first generation goal should be no more than 4 years prior to the year the goal is announced;
- Goal period should be between 3 and 12 years for a first generation goal, and subsequent goals that use the same base year may extend the previous goal period by no fewer than three and no more than 12 years;
- Goal must commit to at least an average 1.8% absolute reduction per year over the life of the goal (e.g. a five-year goal must reduce emissions by at least 9%).
  - *In rare circumstances, an organization may substantiate their case for a goal that is below the required 1.8% threshold but that has  $\geq 1\%$  reduction per year, such as a goal considered aggressive in a specific sector.*





## Excellence in GHG Management (Goal Setting Certificate)

### Specific Requirements for Goal Setting Applicants

#### Disclosure of GHG Mitigation Activities

- Applicants must identify at least three GHG mitigation activities that are planned or underway in order to demonstrate that reductions will not largely be the result of organic growth or decline. These activities should reflect applicant's most impactful strategies, and ideally be in addition to renewable energy or offset purchases (as applicable). Activities relating to supply chain management may be included if the goal incorporates scope 3 reductions.

#### RECs

- Renewable energy certificates (RECs) can be applied to scope 2 emissions associated with the consumption of purchased electricity as part of a comprehensive GHG management strategy (inventories that are associated with reduction goals with achievement years of 2015 or later must adhere to GHG Protocol's latest Scope 2 Guidance for reporting contractual instruments).

#### Offsets

- High-quality offsets can be used to reduce scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions as part of a comprehensive GHG management strategy. Offset projects must demonstrate that they are real, additional, permanent, and verifiable.





## Excellence in GHG Management (Goal Achievement Award)

*The **Goal Achievement Award** recognizes organizations that publicly report and verify organization-wide GHG inventories and achieve aggressive GHG emissions reduction goals.*

### Applicants will be evaluated on the following:

- Inclusion of base year and achievement year inventory reports, broken out by scope 1 and 2 emissions (and any scope 3 emissions included in goal), and all GHGs;
  - Reduction goals with achievement years of 2015 or later must include both location-based and market-based emissions in both the base year and achievement year inventory reports.
- Inclusion of third-party verification statement for both base year & achievement year inventories;
- Demonstration of aggressive GHG reduction goal that was publicly communicated and set at least three years prior to achieving it;
- Thorough description of at least three GHG mitigation activities implemented during goal period;
- Completed applications adhering to eligibility requirements.





## Excellence in GHG Management (Goal Achievement Award)

### Specific Requirements for Goal Achievement Applicants

All criteria for the Goal Setting category apply to Goal Achievement, with additional attention to:

- In addition to providing the base year inventory report, the achievement year inventory must also be included;
- If base year emissions changed during the goal period by more than 5% as a result of structural change, a change in calculation methodologies, or because an error has been discovered, the base year inventory must be adjusted to reflect this, clear documentation and verification of the adjustments are needed;
  - GHG reduction goals with an achievement year of 2015 or later must include both location-based and market-based scope 2 emissions in the base year inventory report, regardless of the magnitude of the change from previously reported scope 2 emissions. These adjustments only require verification if they exceed 5% change.
- Applicant will be asked to quantify any RECs or offsets used to achieve GHG reduction goal. For RECs, this will include GHG and energy information;
- If scope 3 reductions are included in goal achievement, the relevant scope 3 sources must be reported and verified in both the base year and achievement year inventories;
- At least three GHG mitigation activities that were *implemented* and contributed to the reductions during the goal period must be described. Leadership activities must have taken place between January 1, 2013 and September 26, 2016.





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# INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP CERTIFICATE

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# Innovative Partnership Certificate

*The **Innovative Partnership Certificate** recognizes organizations working collaboratively on leading edge climate initiatives that are above and beyond business as usual, and through which extraordinary outcomes are achieved.*

- Candidates for recognition should be comprised primarily of stakeholder institutions from government, academia and/or the private sector that have collectively established objectives to measurably address greenhouse gas reduction goals and/or resilience activities, and have achieved measurable outcomes.





# Innovative Partnership Certificate

## Eligibility Requirements

- Open to partnerships comprised of two or more primary stakeholders from government entities, academic institutions, and/or the private sector.
- Partnerships exclusively comprised of private sector stakeholders may be considered if the nature of the activity is not a business relationship, and is sufficient in magnitude of GHG emissions reduction and/or adaptation implementation to merit recognition.
- Applications reviewed by an independent panel of judges and considered on a competitive basis in comparison to other applicants.
- Partnerships must be:
  - Currently active;
  - Based upon or supported by a legal agreement/arrangement that addresses governance, roles, funding, etc.;
  - Publicly described as being driven and/or motivated by an imperative to take climate action.







# Innovative Partnership Certificate

## Eligibility Requirements *(cont'd)*

- Activities must be located in the United States (though the primary stakeholders are not necessarily required to be headquartered in the United States).
- Partnerships must have:
  - Conducted an assessment of all attributes related to the primary objectives of the partnership (e.g., vulnerability assessment if on resilience, GHG inventory, energy consumption) in order to establish a baseline;
  - Achieved significant, verifiable results in reducing emissions and/or implementing adaptation and resilience to protect a specific population;
  - Significant leadership activities and partnership accomplishments between January 1, 2014 and September 26, 2016.
- Primary stakeholders to the partnership will need to pass an EPA compliance screen in order for the partnership to be selected.





# Innovative Partnership Certificate

## Evaluation Criteria

**Partnerships will be evaluated based on the following criteria:**

- Magnitude of publicly established goals;
- Delivery of results against publicly established goals for GHG reductions, reduced vulnerability to climate change impacts, etc.;
- Disclosure of measureable and verifiable results;
- Demonstration of innovation and thought leadership;
- Incorporation of measures to ensure sustainability of the program over time;
- Ability to be replicated by others, including commitment of partners to sharing lessons learned;
- Efforts to conduct public engagement, stakeholder outreach;
- Nature of governance, budget, and management of the partnership;
- Quality of education and training of internal and external stakeholders.





# Innovative Partnership Certificate

## Examples

- Multiple municipalities partnering together to conduct regional planning and implementation activities (these partnerships can also include non-governmental entities as stakeholders);
- Government entities and/or academic institutions that partner with entities outside of their sector on a particular project; and
- Joint ventures between multiple institutions across sectors where the initiative is above and beyond the normal course of business operations for each of the primary stakeholders.
- Information on past award winners can be found here:  
<https://www.epa.gov/climateleadership/climate-leadership-awards-past-winners>

## What's Not Eligible

- Partnerships undertaking activities that are within the normal scope of mission/business for the participating organizations.
- Arrangements between organizations that are based on procurement of services.
- Activities and achievements that have been previously recognized specifically for climate action by the U.S. EPA and its partners.





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# SUPPLY CHAIN LEADERSHIP AWARD

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# Supply Chain Leadership Award

*The **Supply Chain Leadership Award** recognizes organizations that have their own comprehensive greenhouse gas inventories and aggressive emissions reduction goals and demonstrate they are at the leading edge of managing greenhouse gas emissions in their organizational supply chains.*

- Leading organizations are increasingly moving beyond addressing the GHG impact of their own operations to a more comprehensive assessment of the GHG impacts along their entire supply chain—from the raw materials and products they buy from upstream suppliers to the products and services they provide to customers downstream.
- For many organizations, the overall GHG impact from the supply chain can greatly exceed that of internal operations, particularly when product lifecycle emissions are considered.





# Supply Chain Leadership Award

## Evaluation Criteria

- Applicants will be reviewed and evaluated based on their level of leadership, innovation, commitment, and technical achievements in managing and reducing GHG emissions throughout their corporate supply chain.
- Applicants citing significant achievements in U.S. and Canadian transportation and distribution-related supply chain activities must be both an EPA SmartWay partner and eligible for recognition under SmartWay's Excellence Awards criteria.
  - If an applicant is not eligible to be a SmartWay partner, then EPA's SmartWay Excellence Award criteria do not apply.
  - The six SmartWay member categories are: freight shippers, logistics companies (including 3PLs/4PLs), rail carriers, truck carriers, drayage truck carriers, and multi-modal carriers.





# Supply Chain Leadership Award

## Evaluation Criteria *(cont'd)*

- An independent panel of recognized subject matter experts and thought leaders across sectors will review the submissions.
- Leadership actions will be evaluated by:
  - Breadth and scope of the implemented program
  - Degree to which actions surpass normal business practice in a sector
  - GHG reduction potential or effect of the implemented actions
  - Level of commitment demonstrated by the applicant
- While supply chain leadership activities must be demonstrated between January 1, 2014 and September 26, 2016, applications may refer to activities before that time, and reviewers may also consider the length of time an action has been in practice before this period and when it was first implemented.





# Supply Chain Leadership Award

## The application focuses on the following areas:

- **Internal Administrative Actions:** An opportunity to describe the internal administrative leadership actions the applicant has taken to address corporate supply chain GHG emissions. Examples include:
  - Designating an internal leader and/or team to address corporate supply chain GHG emissions
  - Codifying & implementing GHG-related criteria in procurement process (e.g., RFPs)
- **Collaboration:** A description of any collaborative leadership initiatives that the applicant participates in within its sector or across its corporate supply chain. Examples include:
  - Developing or delivering supplier GHG management education resources and/or workshops
  - Implementing supplier GHG emission surveys/scorecards
  - End-user and employee engagement programs







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# Supply Chain Leadership Award

- **Measurement & Reporting:** Examples of leadership actions in this category include:
  - Comprehensive public reporting and third-party verification of supply chain emissions;
  - Encouraging and supporting supply chain partners to publicly report third-party verified GHG emissions;
  - Tracking energy performance using tools such as ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager; and
  - Conducting product lifecycle analyses.
- **GHG Reductions:** A description of the applicant's leadership in reducing corporate supply chain GHG emissions. Examples include:
  - Providing measurable and verified year-over-year reductions in scope 3 emissions;
  - Encouraging suppliers to establish public GHG baselines and set public GHG reduction goals;
  - Encouraging suppliers to manage their own supply chains; and
  - Achieving GHG reductions in the use phase of products.



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# INDIVIDUAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

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# Individual Leadership Award

*The **Individual Leadership Award** recognizes individuals exemplifying extraordinary leadership in leading their organizations' response to climate change and through engagement of their peers and partners.*

- Applicants must have been employed and reside within the United States.
  - Applicant's employer must have significant operations in the United States. Given the global nature of climate change, the majority of greenhouse gas emissions reductions do not have to occur in the U.S.
- Applicant's employer must meet one of the following descriptions:
  - Legally-recognized corporate organization with annual revenue over \$100 million; or
  - Governmental entity or academic organization with annual budget over \$100 million.
- Exemplary climate leadership activities must have taken place between January 1, 2014 and September 26, 2016.
  - Applications may also refer to actions that commenced before that time and continued into the application period and the length of time an action has been in practice, or which explains how that prior activity served as a foundation for ongoing & more current activities.





# Individual Leadership Award

## Primary Evaluation Criteria

- **Innovation, strategic management, and thought leadership** in addressing climate change.
- **Key climate initiatives** led by the applicant, and subsequent goals, benchmarks and plans for measuring success implemented by applicant.
- **Quality of engagement** with non-profit partners, government organizations, and/or other non-advocacy collaborations.
- **Quality of collaboration** with peers to develop best practices, influence behavior change, establish standards, and engage in public education.
- **Education and training** of internal staff and management, as well as external stakeholders, partners, and suppliers.

**Note:** *All activities must be deemed to exceed business as usual; at least two third-party reference forms are required.*





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# ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

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# Organizational Leadership Award

*The **Organizational Leadership Award** recognizes organizations that not only have their own comprehensive greenhouse gas inventories and aggressive emissions reduction goals, but also exemplify extraordinary leadership in their internal response to climate change, and engagement of their peers, partners, and supply chain.*

## Applicants will be evaluated on the following:

- **Innovation and thought leadership** in developing operational strategies to address climate change;
- **Disclosure** of climate-related material risks and opportunities;
- **Strategic integration** of climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience activities into applicant's operations, including establishing management structures, verifying performance, allocating budget, engaging the supply chain, and demonstrating a track record of establishing and achieving GHG reduction and climate risk mitigation goals;





# Organizational Leadership Award

## Evaluation Criteria (cont'd)

- **Key climate initiatives** and subsequent goals, benchmarks, and plans for measuring success;
- **Quality of engagement** with external stakeholders - non-profit partners, governmental organizations, and/or other non-advocacy collaborations in which the applicant is an active participant;
- **Education and training** of internal staff and management, as well as external stakeholders, partners, suppliers, competitors, and/or others.

**Note:** Reviewers will look for described activities that exceed business-as-usual; up to three third-party reference forms are required.

*The previously stated General Eligibility Requirements; GHG Inventory & Verification Requirements; and GHG Reduction Goal Requirements hold true for this category. Please refer to the appendix in the application for the complete list.*





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# Reminder of Important Dates

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