# **Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources**

# **2023 LEADING BY EXAMPLE AWARDS**

# **NOMINATION FORM – INDIVIDUALS**

  

**WHAT ARE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEADING BY EXAMPLE AWARDS?**

The [Massachusetts Leading by Example (LBE) Awards](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/leading-by-example-recognition-awards) recognize Commonwealth agencies, public colleges and universities, and municipalities, as well as public sector staff or volunteers, for outstanding efforts related to clean energy and the environment that have resulted in **measurable impacts.**  This form is specifically for the **Individual Category.** The nomination process for public entities can be found on the [LBE Awards Website](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/leading-by-example-recognition-awards).

**ELIGIBLE NOMINEES -- INDIVIDUALS**

* Individuals employed by or volunteering for any of the above eligible entities
* Individual awards will be presented to up to one state government employee or volunteer and up to one municipal employee or volunteer

**FOR PUBLIC ENTITIES** -- For Awards in the Public Entities category, see the [LBE Awards webpage.](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/leading-by-example-recognition-awards)

**WHY SHOULD YOU APPLY?**

Receiving a Massachusetts LBE Award provides high-level recognition for environmental and/or energy achievements. Such recognition can help to foster environmental and energy awareness and support future Leading by Example initiatives.

**WHEN WILL THE AWARDS BE PRESENTED?**

The LBE Awards will be presented at the State House during a **ceremony in December 2023**. Media, state legislators, public officials, and others will be invited to the event.

**APPLICATION AND NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS**

To apply or make a nomination for an award please fill out the nomination form below and return it and any supporting documents to Ryan Kingston via email (ryan.kingston@mass.gov) **no later than 5:00 PM, Friday, October 20, 2023**. Applicants may self-nominate or nominate others for an award. Please note: 2022 winners are not eligible for a 2023 award; see the [LBE Awards webpage](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/leading-by-example-recognition-awards) for a list of previous winners.

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**LBE AWARD CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

***Some or all of the following criteria will be considered in evaluating applications and nominations.***

**The winner should exemplify commitment to sustainability through their accomplishments and leadership in a particular area, and by sharing knowledge with others and making a significant contribution to the field.**

Where applicable, the information provided on the following page should demonstrate the individual’s:

* Contribution to significantly reducing environmental or energy impacts at his/her place of work and elsewhere
* Innovation in addressing one or more specific barriers to implementing sustainable practices
* Success in education or outreach efforts
* Longstanding commitment to sustainability and leading by example efforts
* Contribution to a variety of programs and efforts
* Ability to achieve actual and measurable results
* Success in bringing together diverse stakeholders to pursue common goals

Please check the appropriate category specifying in which public sector category the nominee works:

**[ ] State Entity [ ] Municipality Entity**

**Name of nominee:**

**Nominee’s place of work/volunteering:**

**Nominee’s Address:**

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Email:**

**Nominator (if different from above):**

### SECTION I: Sustainability Initiatives Overview

Place an “X” in the “Claim” column next to each area in which the nominee has recently participated, led, or supported efforts within their place of work (or entity for which they have volunteered).

Note that the initiatives listed here are just examples of projects and efforts that previous LBE Award Nominees have participated in. Applicants are encouraged to add items to the “Other” boxes as needed.

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| **Category** | **Initiative** | **Claim** |
| 1. Buildings
 | Helped drive commitment to public entity decarbonization by 2050 or sooner, and/or supported roadmap development for implementation |  |
| Led or supported sustainability feasibility study to assess strategies to improve energy efficiency, reduce environmental footprint, cut greenhouse gas emissions, etc |  |
| Led or supported installation of a low- or zero-carbon renewable thermal technology that significantly reduced or eliminated use of fossil fuels for heating and/or hot water |  |
| Designed or built a high-performance building to meet the Mass LEED+ Standard, zero net energy criteria, Passive House, or eliminate fossil fuels for standard building operations |  |
| Completed energy efficiency retrofit that significantly improved building energy performance (e.g. reduction in EUI) and reduced energy costs  |  |
| Other (*please list here*)  |  |
| 1. Renewable Energy
 | Developed or managed programs that led to increased renewable energy development at a state entity, or within the Commonwealth more broadly |  |
| Supported or led project to analyze the potential onsite renewable energy installations  |  |
| Investigated new or innovative renewable technologies for possible deployment  |  |
| Other *(please list here)*  |  |
| 1. Clean Transportation
 | Recently purchased or leased zero-emission vehicles (eg, battery-electric, plug-in hybrid) |  |
| Responsible for deployment of one or more EV charging stations  |  |
| Expanded access to alternative and multimodal transportation options (bus, bikes, scooters, pedestrian, etc) |  |
| Drove adoption of a policy to accelerate the transition to electric vehicles (e.g., ZEV-first policy) |  |
| Supported or led a vehicle and/or charging infrastructure analysis to help plan for the transition of fleets to electric vehicles |  |
| Other *(please list here)*  |  |
| 1. Other Sustainability
 | Worked to engage with historically marginalized and over-burdened populations around clean energy and sustainability issues |  |
| Undertook new efforts to reduce food waste via composting, anaerobic digestion, donations, etc |  |
| Made significant efforts to procure recycled and/or environmentally preferable products  |  |
| Launched or expanded efforts to conserve indoor and outdoor water use |  |
| Adopted or expanded sustainable landscaping techniques (eg, created pollinator habitats, use of battery-powered landscaping equipment, etc) |  |
| Other *(please list here)* |  |
| 1. Innovation
 | *Adopted other clean energy/sustainability measures not listed above (describe below):**1 –* *2 –* *3 –*  |  |

### SECTION II: Detailed Nominee Information

1 - Please describe how the nominee was involved in promoting, implementing, and supporting the clean energy and sustainability areas selected above. Namely, how did this individual go above and beyond to advance clean energy, sustainability, and climate priorities at their place of work and/or elsewhere? Include relevant information on results/impacts of the individual’s work and attach additional documentation as desired.

2 - Please describe any additional key reasons why this nominee is deserving of a Leading by Example recognition award. And please note any attachments you are submitting as part of your nomination (optional). *Applicants may provide additional attachments and any specific supporting information such as tracking data, savings information, project locations and details, contact people, and other pertinent details that demonstrate environmental and/or economic benefits.*

**All entries and supporting documents must be submitted no later than 5:00 PM, October 20, 2023**, to Ryan Kingston, Department of Energy Resources, via email at ryan.kingston@mass.gov.