# **Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources**

# **2021 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.**  Awards are made at the entity and individual levels – this form is specifically for **individuals.** 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 a **ceremony in December 2021** (location or virtual format TBD). 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 22, 2021**. Applicants may self-nominate or nominate others for an award. Please note: 2020 winners are not eligible for a 2021 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, where applicable, 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** |
| Decarbonization Planning, Progress, and Innovation | Participated in sustainability feasibility study to assess strategies to improve energy efficiency, reduce environmental footprint, cut greenhouse gas emissions, etc |  |
| Supported conversion of one or several facilities to be heated by non-fossil fuel technologies |  |
| Facilitated adoption of an innovative clean energy technology or strategy not widely used in the Commonwealth |  |
| Other *(please list here)* |  |
| Clean Energy & Sustainability Communications andPolicies | Developed and/or implemented communications strategies to promote sustainability issues to broader audiences |  |
| Established or led new committees, working groups, green teams, etc, to coordinate and oversee sustainability and clean energy efforts |  |
| Issued or contributed to new rules, regulations, or policies that will support the Commonwealth’s climate and energy goals |  |
| Other *(please list here)* |  |
| Renewable Energy Planning and Installations | Supported installation of new onsite renewable energy |  |
| Facilitated or supported procurement of clean energy from offsite sources (eg, via community choice aggregation, net-metering agreements, etc)  |  |
| Other *(please list here)* |  |
| Existing Building Efficiency and New Construction | Participated in design or construction of a high performance building  |  |
| Supported a deep energy retrofit project to significantly improve efficiency of an existing building |  |
| Other *(please list here)* |  |
| Clean Transportation | Facilitated purchase or lease of zero-emission vehicles (eg, battery-electric, plug-in hybrid) |  |
| Oversaw or coordinated installation of one or more EV charging stations  |  |
| Expanded alternative and multimodal transportation options (eg, bus, bike infrastructure, etc) |  |
| Other *(please list here)* |  |
| Other Sustainability | Coordinated efforts to improve waste diversion |  |
| Undertook new efforts to reduce food waste via composting, anaerobic digestion, donations, etc |  |
| Adopted new policy or made significant efforts to procure recycled and/or environmentally preferable products  |  |
| Launched or expanded efforts to conserve indoor and outdoor water use (eg, use of low-flow fixtures, new water-conservation policies, or creation of low-irrigation landscapes) |  |
| Adopted or expanded sustainable landscaping techniques (eg, created pollinator habitats, use of battery-powered landscaping equipment, etc) |  |
| Other *(please list here)* |  |
| Other Categories | *[Please list here]* |  |

### SECTION II: Detailed Nominee Information

1 - Please describe how the nominee was involved in promoting, implementing, and supporting the sustainability areas selected above. 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 22, 2021**, to Ryan Kingston, Department of Energy Resources, via email at ryan.kingston@mass.gov.