

The **Better Buildings Challenge** is a national leadership initiative which calls on leaders in the commercial, higher education, healthcare, multifamily housing, and state and local government sectors to reduce energy use. **Better Buildings Challenge partners** make public commitments to action—specifically committing to reducing their energy intensity across their entire U.S. portfolios by at least 20% within 10 years—and implement plans that improve American energy independence.

### The Partner Agrees to:

#### ✓ **Commit**

- ▶ **Publicly pledge** to improve energy intensity of its entire U.S. portfolio by at least 20% within 10 years.
- ▶ Assign a **senior executive signatory and primary point of contact** to fulfill Better Buildings Challenge commitments.
- ▶ Develop an **organization-wide plan to improve energy performance**.
- ▶ Establish a schedule of calls to **stay in contact** with the organization's Better Buildings Challenge point of contact.

#### ✓ **Take Action**

- ▶ **Publish two solutions** demonstrating successful projects or practices the organization has implemented to make progress towards its energy reduction goal.
- ▶ **Participate in Better Buildings & Better Plants Initiative offerings** such as webinars, working groups, and the annual Summit.

#### ✓ **Share Results**

- ▶ **Share strategies** for reducing organization's energy use.
- ▶ Make available **portfolio-wide, building-level energy performance information** within 12 months and annually thereafter. Partners are encouraged to submit data in 6-month intervals.
- ▶ **Provide updates on energy savings performance and progress** across the organization.

### DOE Agrees to:

#### ✓ **Assist**

- ▶ **Provide technical support** to assist the organization in developing energy management plans, tracking energy performance metrics, and reaching its energy reduction goal.
- ▶ **Provide additional resources**, including access to DOE resources, technical guidance documents, and peer-to-peer networking exchanges.

#### ✓ **Connect**

- ▶ **Facilitate networking opportunities with energy reduction 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 goals.
- ▶ **Collaborate with partners** to share updates and discuss opportunities for engagement and recognition.

#### ✓ **Recognize Success**

- ▶ **Provide national recognition to partners** for achieving program milestones and implementing significant energy-saving projects.
- ▶ **Recognize partners** by showcasing solutions that leverage, develop, and share innovative and cost-effective energy reduction best practices.
- ▶ **Create a public data display** showing partner energy-savings progress.

### Agreement:

My organization is committed to continuous improvement in reducing energy use and agrees to the General Terms of the Better Buildings Challenge:

SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER SIGNATURE

SENIOR EXECUTIVE TITLE

SENIOR EXECUTIVE EMAIL ADDRESS

DATE

### Contact Information:

ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS

NAME

EMAIL

TITLE

PHONE

### Commitment:

ENERGY SAVINGS GOAL (E.G., 20% REDUCTION IN ENERGY INTENSITY WITHIN 10 YEARS, SPECIFY BASE YEAR)

SQUARE FOOTAGE COMMITMENT

OTHER GOALS (E.G., 20% REDUCTION IN WATER OR WASTE USE WITHIN 10 YEARS, SPECIFY BASE YEAR)

### 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.
- ▶ The 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 the partner's commitment to the program.
- ▶ The partner understands its participation in the Better Buildings Challenge does not constitute Federal Government endorsement of the partner or its buildings, homes, products, services, or industrial facilities.

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- ▶ The 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. The 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.