

The **Better Climate Challenge** is a national leadership initiative calling on chief executive officers, university presidents, and state and local leaders to reduce GHG emissions, create jobs, and promote healthy, safe, and thriving communities. Better Climate Challenge Partners will make public commitments to action - committing to a 50% or more reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across their U.S. building and plant portfolio in 10-years.

## Partner Agrees To:

### Commit

- ▶ **Publicly pledge** to reduce GHG emissions by 50% or more across their U.S. building and plant portfolio in 10-years without the use of offsets. Partners can also include owned/operated fleets.
- ▶ Pursue an **energy efficiency target** as part of their decarbonization strategy.
- ▶ Assign a **senior executive and primary point of contact** to work closely with DOE.

### Take Action

- ▶ Develop an **organization-wide plan** with GHG reduction milestones.
- ▶ **Share information on the low GHG strategies** implemented to achieve the GHG reduction commitment.
- ▶ **Participate** in at least one **working group** to discuss barriers, exchange best practices, and identify solutions.

### Report Results

- ▶ Make available **portfolio-wide energy performance and scope 1 and 2 emissions data** through ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager® and/or a data collection spreadsheet.
- ▶ Report data **annually** for 10 years.

## US Department of Energy Agrees To:

### Assist

- ▶ Provide **technical assistance** and **low GHG implementation strategies** to support partners' commitment to measure, track, and improve portfolio-wide GHG performance.
- ▶ **Collaborate** with partner on a regular basis.

### Connect

- ▶ **Collect and share best practices** and highlight strategies that have been used to measure and reduce operational GHG emissions.
- ▶ **Facilitate peer-to-peer learning** among partners and **convene working groups** to discuss barriers and identify solutions.

### Recognize Success

- ▶ **Provide national recognition to partners** for achieving program milestones and GHG emissions reduction results.
- ▶ **Recognize partners** that leverage, develop, and share innovative and cost-effective GHG emissions reduction implementation strategies.

### Agreement:

My organization agrees to the General Terms of the Better Climate Challenge.

SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER SIGNATURE

DATE

SENIOR EXECUTIVE PRINTED NAME

### Point of Contact Information:

ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS

REPRESENTATIVE

EMAIL ADDRESS

TITLE

PHONE NUMBER

### Organization's Commitment:

SQUARE FOOTAGE OR NUMBER OF FACILITIES COMMITTED

GOAL BASE YEAR

GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION GOAL (E.G., 50% GHG REDUCTION WITHIN 10 YEARS)

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TARGET

### 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 Climate Challenge constitutes Federal Government approval, acceptance, or endorsement of anything other than Partner's commitment to the initiative.
- ▶ Partner understands its participation in the Better Buildings Initiative does not constitute Federal Government endorsement of Partner.
- ▶ Partner understands that the activities it undertakes in connection with the Better Buildings Initiative 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 Climate Challenge will honor all requests to keep the Partner's information and data confidential.