

We only use cookies that are necessary for this site to function, and to provide you with the best experience. Learn more in our [Cookie Statement](#). By continuing to use this site, you consent to the use of cookies.

0

Receive Updates



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF **ENERGY** | Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

Better Plants Newsletter - March 2018

DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy sent this bulletin at 03/12/2018 11:14 AM EDT



BETTER PLANTS

NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM THE FACTORY FLOOR

Don't Miss the 2018 Technology Days at NREL on April 24-25

Technology Days are an opportunity for partners to learn about the 17 National Laboratories' capabilities and how to leverage innovative technologies to boost their manufacturing competitiveness and sustainability.

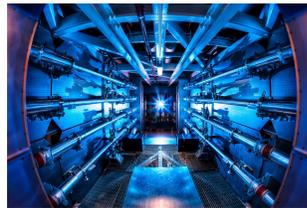
This year, April 24-25, 2018, partners and prospects can look forward to tours of the [National Renewable Energy Laboratory](#) (NREL) in Golden, Colorado, as well as their state-of-the-art facilities, a discussion on how to collaborate with National Labs, networking with peers, and opportunities to pick the brains of NREL experts in a wide variety of fields. We encourage participants to bring a colleague with R&D, innovation, or sustainability expertise who would benefit from the presentations, tours, and networking.

Please click [here](#) to explore a tentative agenda, read speaker biographies, and learn about the logistics of visiting NREL. Space is limited and **registration will close on Friday, March 23**. Please send an email to BetterPlantsTechDay@nrel.gov to RSVP or if you have any questions. Participants may be capped at three per organization, space permitting.



75 Breakthroughs by America's National Laboratories

DOE has released a report on 75 breakthroughs orchestrated by the 17 National Laboratories. "Laboratory discoveries," the [overview](#) notes, "have spawned industries, saved lives, generated new products, fired the imagination and helped to reveal the secrets of the universe. Rooted in the need to serve the public good and support the global community, the National Laboratories have put an American stamp on the last century of science. With equal ingenuity and tenacity, they are now engaged in innovating the future." Download and read the [full report](#) and join Better Plants at the 2018 Technology Days, as detailed above, to learn more about the Labs' remarkable capabilities and industrial applications for their work.



Apply for 2018 Better Project and Better Practice Awards

The application period for 2018 Better Project and Better Practice awards is open! These awards are meant to honor and highlight partners' innovative energy work:

- **Better Project:** recognizing the work of partners to demonstrate what's possible in individual facilities.
- **Better Practice:** recognizing partner efforts to drive organizational and cultural changes.



March 2018

IN THIS ISSUE

- Don't Miss the 2018 Technology Days at NREL on April 24-25
- 75 Breakthroughs by America's National Laboratories
- Apply for 2018 Better Project and Better Practice Awards
- 2018 Better Buildings Summit Registration is Now Open
- Texas Nameplate Co. Joins the Better Plants Program
- In-Plant Trainings Are Coming Up Soon

[VISIT THE BETTER PLANTS WEBSITE](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Energy Management Systems Workshop](#) (March 14, Malvern, Pennsylvania)
- [Technology Days at NREL](#) (April 24-25, Golden, Colorado)
- [40th Industrial Energy Technology Conference](#) (June 12-14, New Orleans, Louisiana)
- [Better Buildings Summit](#) (August 21-23, Cleveland, Ohio)

OTHER NEWS: BARRON'S 100 MOST SUSTAINABLE U.S. COMPANIES

Partners can access application forms [here](#) or find them attached to this email. Applicants can choose to nominate themselves by filling out a form or they can be nominated by their Technical Account Manager (TAM). Multiple awards will be given out for each category, with winning organizations representing a variety of different partner sizes and sectors. **All applications are due by April 30.**

Awardees will be given certificates at the annual Better Buildings Summit, will be promoted in program materials and may be provided an opportunity to make a presentation at Better Plants-sponsored conferences. Better Plants will try to promote all applicants, either on the online Solution Center or through other means.

2018 Better Buildings Summit Registration is Now Open

The [2018 Better Buildings Summit](#) will be August 21-23 in Cleveland, Ohio. This year, we're partnering with the Department of Energy's Energy Exchange, the nation's premier conference on energy management in federal facilities.

The Better Buildings Summit portion of the event will be primarily on the 22nd and 23rd with some pre- and post-event workshops taking place on the 21st and 24th. This year, attendees can look forward to a **dedicated industrial track** with the following sessions:

- Getting to 25%: Planning and Execution Towards a Big Energy Goal
- Emerging Technologies in Manufacturing
- Water: Re-purposing a Corporate Energy Management System for Water Efficiency
- Transition Planning for Energy Managers

In addition, there will be a full day of **cross-cutting sessions** with direct relevance to the industrial sector, including topics like:

- Resiliency
- Communicating Sustainability at the Executive Level
- 50001 Ready/Superior Energy Performance (SEP)
- Enhancing Energy Affordability in Rural Communities
- Efficiency in Light Manufacturing, Distribution, and Logistics
- Alternative Financing for Projects

Summit highlights also include special events such as facility tours, Ask-an-Expert with DOE's National Lab staff, and networking opportunities. The Summit portion of the event will be very similar to previous years, but the combined event will give attendees access to all Energy Exchange offerings, including: additional sessions and technical trainings, opportunities to earn CEUs, access to the trade show, and more networking opportunities. Early bird [registration](#) is open until June 15.

Barron's released its first ranking of the 100 most sustainable companies in the U.S. and it features several Better Plants partners: Oshkosh (#8), PepsiCo (#26), Campbell Soup Company (#57), Cummins (#60), BD (#67), Bristol-Meyers Squibb (#88), and Procter & Gamble (#99). Congratulations to these industry-leading companies! For the full list, click [here](#).

NEW SOLUTIONS



General Motors implemented a chilled water system optimization project that single-handedly cut a 7.2 million square foot manufacturing facility's annual energy use by 3.4 percent.

Learn more by viewing their showcase project [here!](#)

MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



In case you missed it: the Department of Energy's Direct Current podcast-second season finale features Kurt and Tari Emerson, husband and wife from two member of Better Plants' own family: Harley-Davidson and Charter Steel, respectively.

Check out the podcast and transcript [here](#) to learn how the "power couple" met, how they uncover energy savings and improve their companies' competitiveness, and about the Better Plants partner experience.

MEET THE PARTNERS

Texas Nameplate Co. Joins the Better Plants Program

Please join us in welcoming [Texas Nameplate Co.](#) to the Better Plants family! Our newest partner manufactures metallic and non-metallic nameplates, custom labels, name tags, and identification tags for a wide variety of applications. They are also notable for having a [Chief Executive Dog](#), Rowdy Crownover, whose job responsibilities "consist of being nonthreatening, nonjudgmental, open, welcoming, accepting and attentive."

Texas Nameplate Co. has pledged to reduce energy intensity in their U.S. manufacturing operations by 25% within ten years.



RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

In-Plant Trainings Are Coming Up Soon

In-Plant Trainings (INPLTs) are a great resource for Better Plants partners that offer an opportunity to host or participate in an energy saving assessment and associated training on industrial systems. Here's the schedule for upcoming INPLTs:

Host Plant Name / City, State	Energy System Type	Dates
Charter Steel / Saukville, WI	Fans	April 16-19
General Mills / Hannibal, MO	Steam	April 10-12
Schneider Electric / Lexington, KY	Compressed Air	March 20-22
General Motors / Lansing, MI	50001 Ready	April 25-26
Eastman / Longview, TX	Steam	Week of June 18
Asama Coldwater Manufacturing & Waupaca Foundry / Coldwater, MI	Treasure Hunt Exchange	TBD

All of the above are open to outside participation from other Better Plants partners and prospects with the exception of the two steam trainings. If you are interested in attending an INPLT, please contact your Technical Account Manager. If you are interested in hosting an INPLT in the future, the next application period will open in the spring of 2018. In-Plant Trainings (INPLTs) are a great resource for Better Plants partners that offer an opportunity to host or participate in an energy saving assessment and associated training on industrial systems.

SHARE THE BETTER PLANTS NEWSLETTER

Forward this email to colleagues or encourage them to sign up to receive each issue themselves. To subscribe, please email BetterPlants@ee.doe.gov.

Copyright © 2017 Better Buildings, Better Plants U.S. Department of Energy, All rights reserved. Sent by Better Buildings, Better Plants, U.S. Department of Energy, [Terms of Use](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).

To change your email settings or unsubscribe, [click here](#).

- [Better+Plants+-+Better+Project+Application+2018.pdf](#)
- [Better+Plants+-+Better+Practice+Application+2018.pdf](#)

Powered by



[Privacy Policy](#) | [Cookie Statement](#) | [Help](#)