

**BETTER PROJECT & BETTER PRACTICE AWARDS**

Better Plants Program and Challenge is proud to announce two new recognition opportunities for partners: the Better Project and Better Practice awards.

These awards honor partners' innovative, industry-leading energy efficiency work. Specifically, the Better Project Award is presented to partners for outstanding accomplishments in implementing industrial energy efficiency projects at individual facilities. The Better Practice Award recognizes outstanding accomplishments in implementing and promoting the practices, principles, and procedures of energy management in industry.

Multiple awards are bestowed in each category, with winning organizations representing a variety of different partner sizes and sectors. In addition to program promotion, awardees receive certificates at the annual Better Buildings Summit and are given an opportunity to present at Better Plants-sponsored conferences.



*An Expera Specialty Solutions representative receives a recognition certificate from AMO Director Mark Johnson.*

*Better Plants partners are implementing innovative energy efficiency solutions in the industrial space that are cutting costs and energy-use and the Better Practice and Better Project awards honor their leadership.*

*- Mark Johnson, Advanced Manufacturing Office Director*

Better Project Award Details	Better Practice Award Details
<p>The following project categories will be used to organize and review applications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Traditional industrial energy systems (e.g., process heating, compressed air, steam, fans, motors, and pumps)</li> <li>2. Innovative and advanced technology (e.g., smart manufacturing, additive manufacturing, and reactive distillation)</li> <li>3. Energy/water nexus (e.g., removing throttling valves on pumping systems and controlling flow with VFDs)</li> <li>4. Non-energy benefits (e.g., productivity enhancements, maintenance savings, and reduced emissions)</li> </ol>	<p>The Better Practice award will recognize efforts to drive organizational/cultural changes, which are typically developed as implementation models. Successful applications will address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Best practices that demonstrate replicable pathways for the deployment of energy efficiency in an organization.</li> <li>2. They should address a key barrier to energy or water efficiency that was overcome such as lack of personnel awareness, utility inertia, etc.</li> </ol>

INTERESTED PARTNERS SHOULD CONTACT THEIR TECHNICAL ACCOUNT MANAGER (TAM) OR VISIT [HTTPS://BETTERBUILDINGSOLUTIONCENTER.ENERGY.GOV/BETTER-PLANTS/PARTNER-RECOGNITION](https://betterbuildingssolutioncenter.energy.gov/better-plants/partner-recognition) TO VIEW BOTH APPLICATION FORMS.