

The **Better Buildings Design and Construction Allies** provide innovative design strategies for delivery of highly efficient building projects. These allies can help organizations achieve advanced levels of energy efficiency in new construction and retrofit projects. The Allies show transparency in their approaches for others to follow and educate the market about creating and delivering high levels of energy efficiency within current market conditions.

## The Design and Construction Ally Agrees to:

### Commit

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- ▶ **Share** information on your organization within a month of joining:
  - Design and building delivery services offered showing relationships to energy efficiency
  - Sectors and building types served as well as strategies for moving towards zero energy and zero carbon
- ▶ **Assign** a company representative who is authorized to represent your organization in the Better Buildings Design and Construction Allies effort.
- ▶ **Commit** to setting goals for integrating high levels of energy efficiency into designs or implementing energy efficiency designs through construction.
- ▶ **Share** your organization-wide strategies for incorporating energy, waste, water, and carbon emissions reductions into designs.
- ▶ **Set and create metrics** to evaluate progress towards your organizations goal to routinely deliver high levels of energy efficiency in building design and delivery.

### Take Action

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- ▶ **Educate** Partners about your products, services, and strategies to promote aggressive energy efficiency through design and delivery processes.
- ▶ **Participate** in at least one Better Buildings Alliance working group or activity throughout the program year.

### Report Results

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- ▶ **Provide annual data** on progress towards goals including environmental impact information about energy, waste, water, and carbon targets achieved, construction costs, and best practices to further encourage the industry.
- ▶ Work with the Department of Energy and the National Laboratories to **document best practices** and assist in the development of other impactful resources.

### The Department of Energy Agrees to: Assist

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- ▶ Establish a **marketplace of energy efficiency stakeholders**, including government, industry, service providers, designers, and technology companies.

### Connect

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- ▶ **Connect Design and Construction Allies with Partners** that commit to using industry best practices to do energy savings projects while providing transparency in results.

### Recognize Success

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- ▶ **Recognize Allies** for meeting their goals and for helping Partners achieve program milestones and energy efficiency results.
- ▶ **Showcase Allies** that develop innovative and market-transformative products and services related to design and delivery of building projects.

## Agreement

My organization is committed to supporting the Design and Construction Allies Initiative and to helping Ally Partners continuously improve energy efficiency. We agree to the General Terms of the Better Buildings Initiative.

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Senior Executive Officer

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Date

## Contact Information

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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.
- ▶ Ally will not construe, claim, or imply that its participation in the Better Buildings Alliance constitutes Federal Government approval, acceptance, or endorsement of anything other than Ally's commitment to the program.
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