

Title of the measure:	Sustainable Energy Awards IRL 15
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General description

The annual Sustainable Energy Awards are intended to encourage, recognise and reward excellence in energy management in the industrial, commercial and public sectors. The awards will focus on the individuals and groups who demonstrate a commitment to include energy management as part of their overall management structure and provide an opportunity for organisations, regardless of size, to gain public recognition for their achievements in reducing energy use and emissions. This is the third year of this national initiative which is the only awards scheme recognising best practice in energy performance, management and design.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Category A - Coordinated Energy Management Programme

The Coordinated Energy Management Programme category recognises organisations, regardless of size, that have taken an holistic approach to energy management and integrated it into their overall business practices. Entrants should demonstrate continued energy savings over a number of years. There will be three winners in this category, a public sector winner, a commercial winner, and an industrial winner.

Category B – Electrical and/or Thermal Energy Efficiency Project

Opportunities exist in all organisations to identify and implement electrical and/or thermal energy efficiency projects. This category is open to projects, regardless of size, that have delivered significant carbon dioxide and energy reductions over a number of years. There will be six prizes in this category, one each for large and small to medium enterprises within the industrial, commercial, and public sectors.

Category C – Renewable Energy Project

Rising energy prices and the availability of proven technologies has lead to an increased demand for renewable energy systems to provide heat and electricity requirements for end users. Renewable energy systems allow users to source their energy requirements within Ireland thereby reducing dependence on fossil fuel imports leading to increased security of energy supply. The goal of this category is to find innovative examples of highly integrated renewable energy systems used in SME and Public Sector Buildings. There will be one prize in this category.

Category D – Energy Awareness Campaign

An effective energy awareness campaign encourages people at all levels within an organisation to change their behaviour with regard to energy use. This award recognises and encourages the development of the people dimension of energy management within the organisation. There will be two prizes in this category, one each for large and small to medium enterprises.

Category E – Energy Service or Supply Company

Energy service and supply companies have an excellent opportunity to promote energy efficient practices and products. The competition for energy service or supply company is open to all companies that supply and/or maintain energy related equipment, services, and consultancy to the industrial, commercial and public sectors. There will be one prize in this category.

Category F – Excellence in Building Design or Specification

Decisions that are made at the design and specification stage impact on energy use throughout the life of a building. This award underlines the importance of getting things right from the start. This

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award is for the design or specification of a commercial or public building to achieve energy performance exceeding commonly accepted norms. There will be one prize in this category.



Category G – Energy Manager

The energy manager award is presented to the individual or team that demonstrates ongoing reductions in energy use through effective energy management techniques and technologies. In addition to understanding the factors affecting energy use, successful energy managers develop relationships throughout their companies so that they can influence and motivate energy users and decision makers. Regular attendance at conferences, training courses and seminars ensure that the organisation is aware of current issues affecting energy use and cost. There will be one prize in this category.

Impact evaluation (Semi Quantitative Estimate)

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Definition of Impact:

Low: Impact below 0.1 % of overall energy (fuel/electricity) consumption or energy-related CO₂ emissions in the tertiary sector of Ireland.

Medium: 0.1 to below 0.5 % of overall energy (fuel/electricity) consumption or energy-related CO₂ emissions in the tertiary sector of Ireland.

High: 0.5 % upwards) of overall energy (fuel/electricity) consumption or energy-related CO₂ emissions in the tertiary sector of Ireland.

References

Full details of the Awards are available at <http://www.sei.ie/index.asp?locID=215&docID=-1>