Buildings of Excellence
Competition

Transform the built environment and advance New York to a carbon-neutral future

Buildings of Excellence awards eligible developers whose multifamily projects stimulate the design, construction, and operation of very low or zero carbon emitting buildings. The competition recognizes these projects and visionary architects, with prize money to transform the built environment and advance New York to a carbon-neutral future.

Round two of the Buildings of Excellence competition is NOW OPEN.

Learn about who took away an award in round one by visiting nyserda.ny.gov/boe.

Projects must demonstrate

- Design and construction methods that are replicable and will achieve broad-based adoption by both developers and residents
- Financial benefits for owners, and healthy, safe, and outstanding living environments for occupants

Proposals will be accepted for projects in one of four statuses:

Early Design
- Projects in the schematic design or design development phase
- Eligible for an award of up to $1,000,000

Late Design
- Design development is complete and the construction documents are being developed, but the building permit has not yet been issued
- Eligible for an award of up to $750,000

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Additional competition details

General Information
NYSERDA will offer $30 million over three rounds to eligible developers. Eligible projects are also encouraged to apply for funding from other NYSERDA programs to add to their project total. Additional information can be found at nyserda.ny.gov/BOE. Proposals for round two are due in May 27, 2020. Visit the website for complete information.

Winners Announced
Round one winners are listed on the winners page found at nyserda.ny.gov/BOE. Round two winners will be selected in 2020. Check the website for competition updates at any time.

Project Eligibility
Projects must be at least 50% multifamily occupancy as the primary use and be, or intend to be, located in one of the six investor-owned New York State electricity distribution companies and pay into the System Benefits Charge (SBC) at that site. Buildings may be any height and must demonstrate low carbon attributes.

Advisory council
To help guide the competition and engage with participants, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has convened an advisory council to provide their guidance on projects and increasing participation.

Buildings of Excellence Advisory Council
Illya Azaroff: Independent Architect and Professor
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