

Federal Energy and Water Management Awards

Introduction/History

- The Federal Energy and Water Management Awards were created in 1981 by the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Federal Interagency Policy Committee.
- The awards were created to recognize Federal organizations, teams, and individuals for outstanding efforts to conserve energy and water resources.
- A call for nominations goes out to Federal agencies in February.
- Evaluators for the awards are recommended by agency Task Force members or agency energy coordinators.
- The ceremony is held during or around Energy Awareness Month to highlight the importance of Federal efforts to lead by example in energy management.
- Attendance at past ceremonies has exceeded 300 people.

Legislative Drivers

- The Energy Policy Act of 1992 appropriated funding for cash awards for two years.
- Executive Order 13123 Sec 406(A) directed agencies to use award programs such as the Federal Energy and Water Management Awards to reward exceptional performance.
- Executive Order 13423 Sec 3(C) directed Heads of Agencies to establish within the agency leadership awards to recognize outstanding environmental, energy, or transportation management performance.

Goals/Objectives

- Accelerate energy savings, cost savings, technology transfer, strengthen our national security, and help America decrease our dependency on foreign sources of energy
- "Tgeqi pl g"cpf "gpeqwtci g"ci gpe{ "uch'y j q"ctg"lo r ngo gpvpi "i co g"ej cpi lpi "gpgti {" and water management practices that support meeting Federal energy management goals. The awards focus particularly on projects or programs that use innovative technologies and financing strategies and institutionalize energy and water savings.
- Improve awareness among senior management officials about the individuals and projects for continued support of their important work
- Encourage innovation and replication