



STATE OF MAINE

**GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL
EXCELLENCE**

2016 APPLICATION



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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GOVERNOR

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COMMISSIONER

Greetings,

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection is committed to improving our State's regulatory climate and to creating a stronger culture of cooperation between government, Maine people and businesses. As part of that effort, the Department invites you to participate in the annual Governor's Awards of Environmental Excellence. The awards program honors businesses, nonprofit organizations and public entities for their extraordinary efforts to protect and improve Maine's environment.

Through this awards program, Maine DEP will celebrate and spotlight those who serve as a model by developing innovative ways to shift a culture toward sustainability while investing in infrastructure and creating good jobs. We are looking to recognize applicants with projects and programs born from innovation and collaboration that have resulted in measurable environmental and economic benefits. Successful candidates will be those who are solving environmental challenges through constructive and creative solutions that go beyond standard techniques or regulatory compliance requirements.

Project applications will be subject to a thorough screening process that involves a review of technical merit; an evaluation of environmental benefits and sustainable use of Maine's natural resources; and a review of an applicant's compliance record, if applicable. Eligible applications are reviewed and evaluated by a panel of senior departmental program managers.

All nomination applications must be submitted to the department postmarked no later than Friday, June 24, 2016. Awards will be presented in September.

I encourage you to submit an application describing how your project has demonstrated environmental excellence and improved Maine's environment and thank you for your commitment to protecting Maine's environment and ensuring a sustainable economy for future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "PM", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Mercer, Commissioner
Maine Department of Environmental Protection



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Eligible applicants:

- Individual or group - Life Time Achievement
- Businesses – small, medium and large (3 awards)
- Community, public sector or nonprofit

Eligible projects must:

- Be located in Maine.
- Have been initiated within the past year, or have been fully operational for less than one year.
- Show a significant reduction or elimination of a pollutant, or energy used or enhanced overall sustainability.
- Be submitted by an applicant who is in compliance with all laws, rules and applicable licenses administered issued by the Maine DEP and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Compliance history will be considered, however, the compliance record of a parent company will not prevent an applicant from a local/regional facility from being considered.
- Be submitted prior to the deadline.
- Be submitted by an applicant who agrees to share their project with others through a written case study or other communications and education initiatives.

Scoring and Selection Criteria:

Applications will be evaluated and scored based on the criteria below; greater consideration will be given to projects that include significant measured environmental improvements, energy reductions, and economic benefits:

Innovation – up to 5 points can be received if the following achievements are shown to be met in the application:

- Projects that demonstrate creative “out of the box” thinking to resolve environmental issues; and
- Improve existing processes; or
- Develop new processes that create environmental improvements and improve overall sustainability.

Environmental Improvements– up to 5 points can be received if the following achievements are shown to be met in the application:

- Reduction or elimination of pollution at its source through pollution prevention concepts.
- Measured improvement of the quality of the environment.
- Accomplishment of project goals and commitment to future environmental goals

Energy Reductions – up to 5 points can be received if the following achievements are shown to be met in the application:

- Reduction of energy through process changes and efficiencies.
- Reduction of energy through installation of energy efficient equipment.
- Reduction of transportation costs.

Sustainability – up to 5 points can be received if the following achievements are shown to be met in the application:

- Increase beneficial use of materials to minimize waste
- Increase recycling, repurposing or overall reduction efforts.
- Reduction of overall systems such as wastewater discharges or water usage.
- Improvements to help mitigate or adapt to climate change or to build capacity resiliency.

Environmental Stewardship – up to 5 points can be received if the following achievements are shown to be met in the application:

- Projects demonstrate outreach efforts that
- Encourage and/or provide methods for others to use for environmental improvements; or
- Increased sustainability.

Please note: If an applicant submits multiple projects for consideration, each project must be submitted with a separate application.

Schedule:

- Applications MUST be postmarked for delivered mail or received via email no later than Friday, June 24, 2016. A confirmation of receipt will be sent by the department.
- Reviews for eligibility, technical merit and compliance conducted during July 2016.
- Winners will be notified by the department by August 5, 2016
- Awards ceremony September 2016, date to be announced.



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NOMINATION APPLICATION

NAME & TITLE OF NOMINATOR:

AFFILIATION OF NOMINATOR:

NOMINATOR PHONE & EMAIL:

NAME & TITLE OF NOMINEE CONTACT:

PHONE & EMAIL OF NOMINEE CONTACT:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NOMINEE:

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES:

AWARD CATEGORY (PLEASE CHECK):

- Life Time Achievement - Individual or group
- Business – small, medium, and large
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Please provide a written description using plain language of the following:

- Environmental project, strategy or technology employed (please identify the issue that motivated project development and implementation; explain how the project goes beyond standard practices and regulatory compliance standards; and note any creative partnerships, written policies or management practices that demonstrate continued commitment to sustainability goals, financial commitment, etc.)
- Environmental benefit (e.g. pounds of pollutants or waste reduced, reduction in area of impact, energy saved, etc.)
- Economic impact (e.g. dollars saved, jobs created or retained, reduction of environmental, health or safety liability in dollars)
- How does this project demonstrate the nominee's commitment to environmental excellence and leadership in protecting Maine's environment and stewarding the state's natural resources?

- Does the project lend itself to replication by others doing similar work?
How?
- Additional comments:

Submit application no later than Friday, June 24, 2016 to David Madore, Maine DEP at 17 State House Station, Augusta ME 04333-0017 or david.madore@maine.gov

Thank you. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection looks forward to reviewing this nomination. Award winners will be notified by August 5, 2016. For more information about the Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence, please visit www.maine.gov/dep or contact David Madore at (207) 287-5842 or david.madore@maine.gov