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Dear ENERGY STAR® Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites your feedback on candidate technologies for the 2018 ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award. The deadline to submit nominations is August 14, 2017.

The ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award was created to raise the profile of innovative technologies that may not yet meet key principles associated with the ENERGY STAR program (e.g. widely available, cost-effective), but have the potential to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions once they are more widely adopted. As products in these categories become more mainstream, the relevant product categories then may become candidates for ENERGY STAR specification development. To be eligible, technologies must be:

- Commercially available, but not widely adopted (<5% market share);
- Offered by more than one supplier;
- Likely to significantly reduce greenhouse gases from the residential or commercial sector at competitive costs;
- Capable of delivering superior environmental performance, as demonstrated by independent third-party organizations;
- Environmentally acceptable (technology use is a net plus for the environment);
- Supported by capable partners with adequate financing and established business records;
- Well matched to EPA/ENERGY STAR competencies and appropriate roles.

There is no restriction on who may provide feedback or submit a nomination; however, nominations submitted by manufacturers must be accompanied by laboratory and/or field performance data. **EPA would welcome feedback and nominations from utilities on emerging technologies of interest to them as well.** Please note that EPA is accepting nominations for technology categories only. As examples, previous categories included: Micro Combined Heat and Power systems, Advanced Clothes Dryers, Demand Control Kitchen Ventilation systems, Innovative Refrigerant Systems, and Solid-State Refrigeration. Nominations should be sent to emergingtech@energystar.gov.

Extension Notice of Solid-State Refrigeration for 2018

EPA is pleased to announce that the decision has been made to extend the Solid-State Refrigeration Award category into 2018. The Agency continues to see value in solid-state refrigeration products that eliminate the use of refrigerants while delivering substantial energy savings. Extending the Award category into 2018 will provide more opportunity to promote the Award-winning technology and it will continue to encourage manufacturers to submit Award-eligible systems.

Stakeholders with questions can contact Peter Banwell, EPA, at banwell.peter@epa.gov and (202) 343-9408 or Emmy Feldman, ICF, at emmy.feldman@icf.com and (202) 862-1145. To view previous Award categories and criteria, please visit www.energystar.gov/emergingtech.