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Congratulations 2021 CFS ENERGY STAR Award Winners!



Each year, EPA honors a group of businesses and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to protecting the environment through superior energy efficiency achievements. ENERGY STAR Award winners lead their industries in the production and sale of energy-efficient products and services, and in the development and adoption of strategies that provide substantial savings in commercial buildings. Information on this year's CFS award winners and award categories can be found below:

Partner of the Year - Sustained Excellence: The highest honor among ENERGY STAR Awards is the ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year—Sustained Excellence Award. EPA presents the Sustained Excellence Award to partners that have already received ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year recognition for a minimum of two consecutive years and have gone above and beyond the criteria needed to qualify for recognition. Congratulations to Welbilt, Hoshizaki, and ITW Food Equipment Group!



Partner of the Year: This award recognizes ENERGY STAR partner businesses and organizations in good standing that demonstrate superior leadership, innovation, and commitment to environmental protection through energy efficiency and ENERGY STAR. Congratulations to Howe!



Excellence in Product Design: Awarded to companies that demonstrate leadership in the design and manufacture of ENERGY STAR certified products. Congratulations to QBD, True Manufacturing, and Beverage-Air!







ENERGY STAR Earth Day Celebration

ENERGY STAR highlights CFS partners who celebrated Earth Day 2021 with us by sharing their commitments to energy efficiency and carbon reduction through social media. Thank you for your continued commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions! We thank product brand owner partner Howe for taking an extra step to promote the company's efforts to support a healthy planet by sharing their story on the ENERGY STAR Earth Day landing page. See how some of our partners celebrated Earth Day with us below, and to see the full Earth Day Celebration please visit ENERGY STAR's Twitter page.





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ENERGY STAR CFS Webinar Series



The ENERGY STAR CFS webinar series has resumed in 2021! This webinar series occurs monthly and covers a range of topics which will highlight strategies to leverage the ENERGY STAR logo, tools, and resources, ENERGY STAR partner success stories, and more! To access past webinars, visit the CFS archives page, where all presentations and recordings are available.

Next Webinar information: McDonald's has been an ENERGY STAR partner since 2001 and has been dedicated to advancing energy efficiency across its restaurant chain since. Last year through its Our Planet Climate Action initiative, McDonald's completed construction of the first ever net-zero energy designed restaurant. The building leverages energy savings through efficient equipment and generates enough energy to offset the amount used with solar panels. Join us for our May CFS webinar to hear McDonald's representatives discuss their energy savings goals, strategies, plans, and for a deeper dive into the construction of their net-zero restaurant.

Title: Designing McDonald's Net-Zero Energy Restaurant and Other Energy Goals

Date and Time: Tuesday May 18; 1 PM - 2 PM EDT

Register here

Information on future webinars including dates and topics will be announced through mass mailers. Email CFS@energystar.gov to be added to the distribution list!

CFS Equipment Calculator

The updated CFS equipment calculator has been released! CFS stakeholders can use this Excel-based calculator to estimate how much money and energy can be saved by purchasing ENERGY STAR certified CFS equipment compared to standard CFS equipment. Simply follow the step-by-step guide to enter your location, product quantities, and product details. The updated calculator includes recent energy prices, costs, and calculations and can be found in the Dealer and Distributor partner resources section of the CFS landing page, or the ENERGY STAR webpage Energy-Efficient Products for Commercial Buildings.

FE&S Distribution Giant List

Did you know that 38 ENERGY STAR dealer/distributor partners are recognized on the 2021 Food Equipment & Supplies (FE&S) Distribution Giant list? Each year FE&S conducts a Distribution Giants study which ranks the top 100 dealers/distributors in order of annual sales and provides data on each company's previous years' sales as well as a market segment analysis and industry insights.

The ENERGY STAR program congratulates all dealer/distributor and buying group partners on the 2021 list, with several members ranked in the top 100! All ENERGY STAR dealer/distributor partners on FE&S's Distribution Giant list are below and include the company ranking in parentheses and hyperlink to the company website. Companies with an asterisk are listed on ENERGY STAR's Dealer/Distributor Finder.

*Katom Restaurant Supply Inc. (6)

*Bargreen Ellingson Foodservice Supply & Design (7)

*Stafford-Smith, Inc. (8)

Boelter Foodservice (9)

*Central Restaurant Products (13)

*Innovative Food Service Group (18)

*C&T Design & Equipment Co., Inc. (19)

*Action Sales Inc. (20)

Great Lakes Hotel Supply Company (25)

*Tundra Restaurant Supply (26)

*Culinary Depot (27)

*Arizona Restaurant Supply (30)

*RestaurantSupply.com (40)

*The Warehouse Store Fixture Company (45)

Thompson & Little (46)

*Curtis Restaurant Equipment (48)

Rapids Wholesale Inc. (49)

*Cook's Direct (50)

*A City Discount (52)

*Burkett Restaurant Equipment (53)

*Breckenridge Kitchen Equipment & Des

*Boston Showcase Company (62)

*Culinex (65)

*United Restaurant Equipment (66

Jean's Restaurant Supply (68)

*Alto-Hartley, Inc. (69)

*Associated Food Equipment & Supplie

*Economy Restaurant Equipment and Suj

MPM Food Equipment Group Inc (7

Bar Boy Products (81)

<u>Serv-U</u> (82)

*Consolidated Food Equipment Distributor

*Curran Taylor, Inc. (90)

*Harbour Food Services Equipment, Inc.

DEI Food Service Equipment and Desig

Gold Star Products (94)

Elite Restaurant Equipment (97)

Hotel Supply Warehouse Inc. (99)

NOLA Restaurant Supply & Design (1

Blue font=Supply and Equipment Food Service Alliance (SEFA) members
Green Font=PRIDE Centric Resources members

Do you work with a CFS dealer/distributor that sells ENERGY STAR certified products? Make sure they are aware of the opportunity to partner with ENERGY STAR! Benefits of a dealer/distributor partnership with ENERGY STAR include the option to be listed on the publicly accessible Dealer/Distributor Finder, access to ENERGY STAR Logos and web banners to promote your partnership and commitment to energy efficiency, eligibility to apply for the prestigious ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year Award, and more! Dealers/distributors interested in partnering with ENERGY STAR can find more information, here.

Partner Spotlight: CenterPoint Texas Midstream CFS program



The ENERGY STAR CFS team highlights CenterPoint Texas' new midstream CFS program! This program offers rebates up to \$1,900 on CFS equipment including ENERGY STAR certified convection and combination ovens, dishwashers, fryers, steam cookers, refrigerators and freezers, hot food holding cabinets, and ice makers. Customers must be located in the Greater-Houston area and equipment must be purchased from an Eligible Market Partner. For additional information please contact Program Manager

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Specification Updates

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regularly updates ENERGY STAR product specifications. For every specification, product performance data submissions from partners are foundational to the process. Proposed efficiency levels tend to be based on the performance of existing certified models as well as data offered by manufacturers and other stakeholders during the specification development process. Establishing requirements that reflect the performance of the highest efficiency models available sometimes requires going beyond the data at hand and anticipating the market. To this end, EPA relies on insights shared by stakeholders and partners to help the Agency anticipate important trends in the market. For more information, you can view EPA's ENERGY STAR specification Standard Operating Procedure on Revising or Establishing an ENERGY STAR Product Specification.

The following information includes some helpful reminders as you prepare for upcoming specification changes and manage your inventory of ENERGY STAR certified products. For more information regarding the ENERGY STAR specification process or additional CFS equipment updates, visit www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment. For milestones on these and other upcoming specification revisions in 2021, visit the ENERGY STAR Products Plan. Recent and upcoming specification activities include:

• ENERGY STAR Version 3.0 Commercial Ovens Draft 1

The <u>ENERGY STAR Version 3.0 Commercial Ovens Draft 1</u> was published on March 31, 2021. This revision is in response to the relatively high ENERGY STAR market penetration for commercial ovens and significant stakeholder interest in expanding scope to include large electric combination ovens (≤ 40 pans), small electric combination ovens (pan capacity ≥ 3 pans), small gas combination ovens (pan capacity ≥ 5 pans), and electric "mini" 2/3 size pan combi ovens. Additionally, EPA made moderate changes to commercial convection and combination oven criteria levels. There are also amendments to the terms and definitions within the specification. EPA hosted a webinar on April 21, 2021 to address stakeholder comments and questions. Please visit the oven-specific <u>product development webpage</u> for future specification drafts, slide decks, comments, data packages, and responses to comments. For more information, please contact <u>CFS@energystar.gov</u>.

• Electric Cooktops Discussion Guide and Webinar

The <u>ENERGY STAR Version 1.0 Commercial Electric Cooktop Discussion Guide</u> was released on February 24, 2021. The discussion guide highlights specific topics, including the scope and test methodology for electric cooktop technology, including commercial induction products, not currently covered under the ENERGY STAR program. This <u>product development webpage</u> will host future specification drafts, comments, data packages, and responses to comments. Stakeholder feedback will be considered during Draft 1 development, and EPA anticipates releasing it this summer. For more information, please contact <u>CFS@energystar.gov</u>.

ENERGY STAR Version 5.0 Commercial Refrigerators and Freezers Discussion Guide

The ENERGY STAR Version 5.0 Commercial Refrigerators and Freezers Discussion Guide was released on December 22, 2020. The discussion guide outlines potential scope changes to the existing Version 4.0 specification. It provides acknowledgment of possible revisions to current ENERGY STAR Maximum Daily Energy Consumption (MDEC) levels for select types of commercial refrigeration equipment. Additional information regarding new equipment classes, such as specific remote condensing and service over counter refrigeration equipment; review of test methods for refrigerated preparation tables, chef bases, blast chillers; and potentially a commercial refrigeration equipment Best Practice Guide. A PDF copy of the presentation slides from a couple webinars held in February 2021 can be found on the Commercial Refrigerators and Freezers Specification Version 5.0 product development webpage. This product development web page will host future specification drafts, comments, data packages, and responses to comments. Stakeholder feedback will be considered during Draft 1 development, and EPA anticipates releasing it this summer. For more information, please contact CFS@energystar.gov.

ENERGY STAR CFS Product Scoping Efforts

ENERGY STAR is interested in scoping out the following product categories: Demand Control Kitchen Ventilation (DCKV), pressure fryers, tilt skillets, rotisserie ovens, and hand dryers. In establishing or revising an ENERGY STAR product performance specification, EPA employs a set of six key principles, which are summarized below. For further information, view EPA's ENERGY STAR Product Program Strategic Vision and Guiding Principles.

- Significant energy savings can be realized on a national basis
- Product performance can be maintained or enhanced with increased energy efficiency
- End users will recover their investments with increased energy savings within a reasonable time period
- Energy efficiency can be achieved through one or more technologies such that qualifying products are broadly available and offered by more than one manufacturer
- Product energy consumption and performance can be measured and verified with testing
- Labeling would effectively differentiate products and be visible for purchasers

Stakeholders may support ENERGY STAR's scoping efforts by providing the following:

- Efficiency and performance data based on industry supported test methods
- Nationwide availability and market potential growth rates of the equipment
- Usage patterns
- Product lifetimes

All data will remain confidential and masked if provided. If any manufacturers would like to schedule a meeting, contact CFS@energystar.gov.

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