

STATE OF MAINE

**GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL
EXCELLENCE**

2014 APPLICATION



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

PAUL R. LEPAGE
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 and 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 we can all learn from for new, 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.

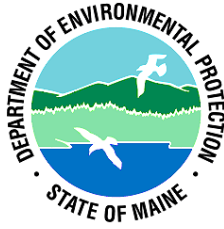
Project applications will be subject to a thorough screening process that involves a review of technical merit; an evaluation of environmental benefits and sustainable use of Maine's natural resources; and a review of an applicant's compliance record, if applicable. Eligible applications are reviewed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

All nomination applications must be submitted to the department postmarked no later than Friday, February 28, 2014. Governor LePage and I will present the awards in late April, to coincide with Earth Day.

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,

Patricia W. Aho, Commissioner
Maine Department of Environmental Protection



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Eligible applicants:

- Businesses with 100 or more employees
- Businesses with 20 to 99 employees
- Businesses with less than 20 employees
- Local, State, Federal or Tribal entities
- Nonprofit Organizations

Eligible projects must:

- Be located in Maine.
- Have been initiated within the past three years and have been fully operational for one year. Long-term projects, i.e. those initiated prior to 2010 may be considered if a new measurable environmental benefit has been achieved in the past three years and/or the project has served as a model for other successful projects.
- Show a significant reduction or elimination of a pollutant and energy all while proving an economic benefit.
- 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 consistent with current pollution prevention and environmental health and safety standards.
- Be submitted in the required format.
- Be submitted by an applicant who agrees to share their project with others through a written case study and 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 that is known as state-of-the-art within industry standards:

- Demonstration of innovative approaches within the organizational structure
- Demonstration of innovative procedures and /or techniques
- Installation of innovative technologies
- Ability of the project to serve as a model for others or to mentor pollution prevention or sustainability methodologies

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, or expected 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 and lighting
- 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 efforts
- Increase composting
- Establish a 0 waste initiative
- Purchase locally where possible

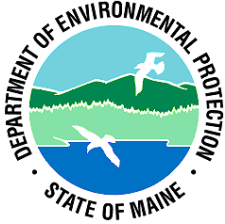
Economic – up to 5 points can be received if the following achievements are shown to be met in the application:

- Increased job creation or retention
- Increased production
- Reduction in production costs
- Reduced environmental, health and safety liability

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, February 28, 2014. A confirmation of receipt will be sent by the department.
- Reviews for eligibility, technical merit and compliance conducted during March 2014.
- Winners will be notified by the department by March 31, 2014
- Awards ceremony April 29, 2014, to coincide with Earth Day.



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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:

AWARD CATEGORY (PLEASE CHECK):

- BUSINESS WITH 100 OR MORE EMPLOYEES
- BUSINESS WITH 20 TO 99 EMPLOYEES
- BUSINESS WITH LESS THAN 20 EMPLOYEES
- LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL OR TRIBAL ENTITY
- NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

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:

Please return complete nomination forms along with any supporting documentation including photographs, maps, press clippings, etc. via delivery or electronic mail no later than COB on Friday, February 28 to Chris Swain, Maine DEP at 17 State House Station, Augusta ME 04333-0017 or chris.swain@maine.gov

Thank you. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection looks forward to reviewing this nomination. Award winners will be notified by March 31, 2014. For more information about the Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence, please visit www.maine.gov/dep or contact Chris Swain at (207) 287-7831 or chris.swain@maine.gov