



**GOVERNOR'S  
ENERGY EXCELLENCE  
AWARDS**

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**Fourth Annual Governor's Energy Excellence Awards  
Highlight Michiganders' Innovation**

*Finalists' projects include public, private efforts to reduce energy waste*

**LANSING, Mich.** — Twenty-one businesses, organizations and individuals from across the state have been selected as finalists for the [2018 Governor's Energy Excellence Awards](#), which recognize people and organizations in Michigan that have taken firm, meaningful actions to improve energy efficiency.

“Through our policies and initiatives in Michigan, we are working hard to ensure energy reliability, advance clean energy and help business owners and residents reduce energy waste,” said Gov. Rick Snyder. “Among other things, we’re encouraging utilities to provide incentives and programs that make it easier for others to follow the example of those we’re honoring this year.”

Nominations were made in eight different categories that underline the diversity of Michigan’s most cutting-edge energy-efficiency projects. Award winners, which span from individual residents to the manufacturing industry, will be announced at an event in September.

Following is a list of this year’s finalists by category:

**Best Projects — Residential**

- Nancy Choura, *South Haven*
- Roy Cole, *Holland*
- James Stump, *Lyons*

**Best Projects — Agriculture**

- Continental Dairy Facilities, LLC, *Coopersville*

**Best Projects — Industrial/Manufacturing**

- ArcelorMittal, *Detroit*
- Verso Paper Company, *Escanaba*

### **Best Projects — Commercial (Private)**

- IBEW Local 58, *Detroit*
- Metea Court Apartments, *Buchanan*
- Otsego Apartments, *Jackson*

### **Best Projects — Public**

- Genesee Intermediate School District, *Flint*
- Holland Board of Public Works, *Holland*
- Van Buren Intermediate School District, *Lawrence*

### **Contractor of the Year**

- Albert Heating & Cooling, *Sault Ste. Marie*
- Ecotelligent Homes, *Farmington Hills*
- WMGB Home Improvement, *Wyoming*

### **Innovator of the Year**

- Dave Heinz, *Petoskey*
- Kenneth Randazzo, *Detroit*
- Major General Michael Stone, *Lansing*

### **Best Program**

- EnergySmart Grocer, *East Lansing*
- Homeless Shelters Initiative, *Okemos*
- Residential Energy Performance Labeling Pilot Program, *Holland*

Four other organizations received honorable mentions, including:

**Best Project — Residential:** Robert Katrinic, *Holland*

**Best Project — Public:** University of Michigan, *Ann Arbor*

**Innovator of the Year:** Michael Abraham, Jr. and Sam DiNello, *Sterling Heights*

**Best Project — Program:** House of Worship Rewards, *Jackson*

From geothermal upgrades to LED lighting and more, the projects spearheaded by these finalists demonstrate the extraordinary power of energy efficiency when it comes to saving money and reducing waste.

“Michigan’s policies regarding our energy market, renewable energy and energy waste reduction are helping fuel Michigan’s economy and create jobs in the process,” Governor Snyder added. “We cannot forget, however, that our cheapest energy is that which isn’t used.”

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[The Governor's Energy Excellence Awards](http://mienergyexcellence.org) honor Michigan individuals and organizations who have made reducing energy waste and implementing energy-efficient practices part of their everyday lives. The awards would not be possible without the support of the Department of Energy and the Michigan Agency for Energy through the Michigan Energy Office. For more information, visit [mienergyexcellence.org](http://mienergyexcellence.org).