



## **New York State Energy Research and Development Authority awarded 2018 Energy Star Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Award**

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New York, NY The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has been recognized with the 2018 Energy Star Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Award. NYSERDA's accomplishments will be recognized for the 13th consecutive year on April 20, 2018 in Washington DC by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Energy.

NYSERDA is receiving the award for demonstrating exemplary commitment and dedication to leadership in energy efficiency and the Energy Star program.

Energy Star recognized NYSERDA's Home Performance Program, including its low-income EmPower New York component, which has provided energy efficiency services to more than 220,000 homes to date. It is supported by residential financing, marketing, and quality assurance activities.

NYSERDA was also recognized for its achievements in its Products Program, which continues to research and build strategies for the adoption of underutilized energy efficiency technologies: air source heat pumps, home energy management systems and commercial HVAC units.

Currently, there are more than 31,790 Energy Star Certified Homes across the state. The program has saved residents more than 57 million kilowatt-hours of electricity and more than 1.66 million British thermal units (MMBtu) of fossil fuel to date.

"We are extremely proud of this award from Energy Star which recognizes the priority governor Cuomo has placed on energy efficiency as a cornerstone of his clean energy agenda," said NYSERDA president and CEO Alicia Barton. "Through NYSERDA's Home Performance Program, tens of thousands of New Yorkers have received the benefits of energy efficiency—improved comfort in their homes, lower energy costs and a lower carbon footprint—as part of the state's nation-leading efforts to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions."

Nationally, in 2016 alone, Energy Star certified products, homes, buildings, and plants helped Americans save over \$30 billion in energy costs and 400 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity and while achieving broad emissions reductions.

The 2018 Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Awards are bestowed upon a diverse set of organizations that have demonstrated continued leadership in energy efficiency. The awards recognize leadership across the Energy Star program, including energy-efficient products, services, new homes and buildings in the commercial, industrial and public sectors.

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