



## **IREM earns 2019 Energy Star Partner of the Year award**

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Washington, DC The Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM) has received the 2019 Energy Star Partner of the Year - Sustained Excellence Award for energy efficiency programs that feature Energy Star tools.

The highest honor among Energy Star Awards is the Energy Star Partner of the Year—Sustained Excellence Award. Awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Sustained Excellence Award is presented to organizations that have already received Energy Star Partner of the Year recognition for a minimum of two consecutive years, which IREM achieved last year. IREM's accomplishments were recognized by the EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy at a ceremony on April 11th. To earn the 2019 award, IREM advanced the following initiatives:

- Created a new training certificate program.
- Developed new medical office and senior housing requirements for the IREM Certified Sustainable Property (CSP) certification program.
- Concluded research on the effect of green certifications on the financial performance of multifamily communities.
- Expanded the IREM Energy Efficiency Survey to gain insight on energy management in the class B/C office sector.

"Whenever someone asks me, 'What is one of the first steps in establishing an energy management program?' I always say benchmarking with Energy Star portfolio manager," said Angela Aeschliman, CPM and IREM Sustainability advisory board chair.

"Energy Star tools and resources are foundational to efficiency in operations and vitally important to the real estate management industry."

"IREM believes that energy efficiency through Energy Star is quality real estate management," said Denise LeDuc-Froemming, IREM chief executive officer and executive vice president. "We strongly encourage use of Energy Star tools and resources to manage expenses and resource consumption at investment real estate properties, and the Energy Star awards help us get that message across to our members and the industry."

For a complete list of 2019 winners and more information about ENERGY STAR's awards program, visit [energystar.gov/awardwinners](https://energystar.gov/awardwinners).

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