

# 2025 EFFICIENCY VERMONT AWARDS

# BEST OF THE BEST

## RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION

### GENERAL AWARD INFORMATION

#### AWARD CATEGORIES

Do you have a project that went above and beyond standard energy efficiency practices? If so, we want to hear about it. All entries will be considered for Best of the Best in Market Rate and Affordable Residential New Construction.

#### SCHEDULE

- **Entries are due by January 17, 2025.** There is no entry fee.
- Judging will be completed in February and winners will be notified by late February.
- Awards will be presented at the Better Buildings by Design 2025 conference, taking place April 2-3, 2025.

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a single family detached or attached home (up to 4 units). If submitting an attached home, please specify which unit within the larger project is under consideration or if it is the entire building.
- Must have successfully completed the project with Efficiency Vermont and/or been built by an EEN RNC trade group member between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2024.
- All information and materials submitted with the application must be released and cleared for public reproduction.
- For Multi-family buildings, project must have gone through Efficiency Vermont's multi-family new construction program.

#### SUBMISSION FORMAT

Email to Efficiency Vermont:

1. A fully completed entry form, including a detailed description of the project
2. Digital media (see details below)

#### DIGITAL MEDIA

Please include images highlighting key aspects of the project. Images may include photos, sketches, graphs, etc.

- **Up to 10 images allowed.** Photos must be high-resolution. Please include photo credit(s) with submission.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

- Best of the Best: demonstration of a comprehensive approach to energy-efficient new construction (will also consider non-energy features such as healthy homes elements, climate resilience, and adherence to best building science practices).
- Affordability award: All of the above plus affordable construction costs and estimated energy costs (what makes this project affordable and how did you accomplish this).

#### RECOGNITION

All entries will be showcased at Efficiency Vermont's Better Buildings by Design 2025 conference on April 2-3.

In addition, each award winner will receive the following:

- Recognition during the keynote address of the Better Buildings by Design 2025 conference.
- Detailed project poster, created by Efficiency Vermont and showcased at Better Buildings by Design 2025.
- Promotion in Efficiency Vermont's annual insert in Vermont Business Magazine.
- Promotion on the Efficiency Vermont website.
- One complimentary registration for Better Buildings by Design 2025.
- One Best of the Best award plaque