



## **U.S. EPA Honors 2021 ENERGY STAR® Partners of the Year Award Winners in La.**

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**DALLAS** – (April 13, 2021) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Region 6 and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) are honoring six ENERGY STAR partners in La. for their outstanding leadership in reducing American energy bills and tackling climate change.

“The diligent work of the 2021 ENERGY STAR award winners is remarkable,” said EPA Regional Administrator David Gray. “During these challenging times, these leaders have developed cost saving methods, advanced energy efficiency and environmental protection.”

This year, ENERGY STAR is giving special recognition to award-winning partners for their year-over-year commitment to energy efficiency through the program’s highest honor: the ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Award. To qualify for Sustained Excellence recognition, winners must have already received ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year recognition for a minimum of two consecutive years and gone above and beyond the criteria needed to qualify for recognition.

For more than 25 years, EPA’s ENERGY STAR program has been America’s resource for saving energy and protecting the environment. In 2019 alone, ENERGY STAR and its partners helped American families and businesses save nearly 500 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity and avoid \$39 billion in energy costs. These savings resulted in emission reductions of nearly 390 million metric tons of greenhouse gases, roughly equivalent to 5% of U.S. total greenhouse gas emissions.

The 2021 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Award Winners in La. are:

- East Baton Rouge Parish School System in Baton Rouge as Partner of the Year for Energy Management
- Energy Smart in New Orleans as Partner of the Year for Energy Efficiency Program Delivery
- Energy Arkansas, LLC in New Orleans as Partner of the Year for Sustained Excellence in Energy Efficiency Program Delivery
- Energy Solutions Louisiana in Baton Rouge as Partner of the Year for Energy Efficiency Program Delivery
- Southwestern Electric Power Company – Ark. (AEP SWEPCO) in Shreveport as Partner of the Year for Sustained Excellence in Energy Efficiency Program Delivery
- Southwestern Electric Power Company – La. and Texas (AEP SWEPCO) in Shreveport as Partner of the Year for Energy Efficiency Program Delivery

ENERGY STAR® is the government-backed symbol for energy efficiency, providing simple, credible, and unbiased information that consumers and businesses rely on to make well-informed decisions. Thousands of industrial, commercial, utility, state, and local organizations—including more than 40 percent of the Fortune 500®—rely on their partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to deliver

cost-saving energy efficiency solutions. Since 1992, ENERGY STAR and its partners helped American families and businesses avoid more than \$450 billion in energy costs and achieve 4 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas reductions.

More background information about ENERGY STAR can be found at: <https://www.energystar.gov/about> or

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