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# All-Electric Building Leadership Awards

To honor early adoption of all-electric building innovation, leaders working in San Mateo County can submit for a new recognition award. The Peninsula Clean Energy All-Electric Leadership Awards showcase the buildings that are driving this standard for the built environment in both residential and commercial sectors. **Award categories include:**

## All-Electric Leader:

Spotlights a residential and a commercial project that demonstrate leadership by fully electrifying all buildings loads. Submitted projects must either be in operation with 100% of all energy loads electrified or the submitter must demonstrate that full electrification is in the planning, design, or construction phase. Projects may be commercial or residential and may include new construction or renovated public or private buildings located in San Mateo County.

## All-Electric Emerging Leader:

Spotlights a residential and a commercial project that demonstrate major strides towards full electrification. Eligible projects may have natural gas but demonstrate a significant transition away from gas and have a stated goal or plans in process for full electrification. Projects may be retrofits with plans to decarbonize all loads over time. They may not be new construction unless the submitter can demonstrate that all-electric is not yet feasible. Projects may be renovated or new construction (if applicable) public or private buildings and must be located in San Mateo County.



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Residential projects are defined as new construction or renovated structures that utilize/d the residential energy code.



**COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:**  
Commercial projects are defined as new construction or renovated structures that utilize/d the non-residential energy code.



# Leadership Awards and Call for Projects FAQ

## Who is sponsoring these awards?

The Peninsula Clean Energy All-Electric Leadership Awards have been initiated by Peninsula Clean Energy. The awards intend to raise the profile of all-electric buildings and recognize leaders in the community. New Buildings Institute is administering the awards in collaboration with Peninsula Clean Energy.

## When is the application due?

December 11, 2020, 5 pm PT.

## Is there an application fee?

No.

## What are the awards categories?

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## Will all of the data I submit be published?

A disclosure statement will be included in your directory submission. Projects submitted to the online directory may be selected by Peninsula Clean Energy to be featured on

their website and in social media. Featured projects will be showcased through images and a short narrative. Please be sure to tell us any information that you prefer not to have disclosed. Single-family residential addresses will never be published but zip codes or neighborhoods may be disclosed, unless requested otherwise.

## How do I enter into the awards program?

If you would like to enter your project into the awards program, please select which award you will be applying for in the application. [PenCleanEnergy.com/all-electric](https://PenCleanEnergy.com/all-electric)

If you would not like to be considered for an award, please select no on the form as seen below.

### 4. Applying for award?\*

- Yes, I am applying for the All-Electric Leader award and the Directory
- Yes, I am applying for the All-Electric Emerging Leader award and the Directory
- No, just applying to be included in the All Electric Buildings Directory

For a description of the awards, please visit [PenCleanEnergy.com/all-electric](https://PenCleanEnergy.com/all-electric).

## How will the awards be evaluated?

Awards will be evaluated based on weighted criteria that Peninsula Clean Energy state and regional building design and electrification experts have developed. The projects submitted will be evaluated based on leadership, innovation, building energy impact, building design and operations, and quality of the application narrative.

## Who will be evaluating the awards?

A selection panel of state and regional building design and electrification experts will review each application based on demonstration of leadership, innovation, building energy impact and quality of the application. Applications will have multiple reviewers to score each application, and these scores will be discussed among the panel members.

## When is the awards ceremony?

Awards will be presented online in Spring 2021 in concert with the Sustainable San Mateo County Annual Awards. The awards ceremony is currently being developed and more details will be provided. Winners must be available virtually to receive the award and will be invited to create a presentation about the project highlights.

## Who can submit these awards?

Teams can be located out of the area or state as long as the buildings are in the territory.

- Project designers and design teams
- Building owners
- Builders
- Energy/facility managers
- Advocates
- Community organizers
- Building occupants
- Nonprofits and staff
- Business leaders and staff
- Institutions (military, higher education, etc.) and staff
- City, county and other local government entities and staff

**PLEASE NOTE:** Manufacturers can submit a building project. However, the team (of which they are part) or the building featuring their products would be eligible to win, not the manufacturer alone.

## How many awards will be given out in each category?

Four awards, one residential and one commercial will be given for each of the two categories described above. The selection committee reserves the opportunity to honor exceptionally innovative projects.

## What award do the winners receive?

Projects will be awarded with a customized plaque and given the opportunity to present their leadership efforts and project during the awards ceremony. The winners will be acknowledged on the Peninsula Clean Energy website, on social media and in a press release.

## What projects are eligible for the awards?

Eligible projects must be fully or partially electrified projects in construction or in process and must be located or planned to be located in the County of San Mateo.

## What information do I need to submit?

- Complete the online [application](#) with all required sections completely filled out.
- **Images:** 1-5 photos of your leadership effort and photo release to allow use of photo in awards media materials or for use in the “featured projects” section of our website.
- **Disclosure Confirmation:** Affirmation to disclose award application information provided unless otherwise noted.

For more information about the All-Electric Building Leadership awards, visit: [PenCleanEnergy.com/all-electric](https://PenCleanEnergy.com/all-electric)

You can also email Reilly Loveland, project manager at NBI, at [Reilly@newbuildings.org](mailto:Reilly@newbuildings.org) with further questions.



Peninsula Clean Energy is a Community Choice Aggregation agency and the official electricity provider for San Mateo County. Founded in 2016 with a mission to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the County, the agency serves 295,000 customers by providing more than 3,500 gigawatt hours annually of electricity that is 95% carbon-free and at lower cost than PG&E. As a community-led, not-for-profit agency, Peninsula Clean Energy makes significant investments in our communities to expand access to sustainable and affordable energy solutions. Peninsula Clean Energy is on track to deliver electricity that is 100% carbon-free by 2021 and 100% renewable on a 24/7 basis by 2025. With the switch to cleaner sources of electricity, electrifying buildings and reducing their use of fossil fuels are important ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Peninsula Clean Energy has provided technical assistance to local governments for the development of enhancements to local building codes, known as “reach codes,” to support all-electric buildings. Other programs to assist retrofitting natural gas appliances with all-electric appliances in existing buildings will be launched soon. Follow us at [PenCleanEnergy.com](https://PenCleanEnergy.com), on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) @PenCleanEnergy and on LinkedIn.



New Buildings Institute (NBI) is a nonprofit organization working to drive significantly higher levels of energy performance in the built environment resulting in better energy efficiency and reduced carbon emissions. NBI is administering the San Diego ZNE Leadership Awards program. Learn more at [www.newbuildings.org](https://www.newbuildings.org).