

Johnson Controls receives energy efficiency awards

June 6, 2017 – The United States Department of Energy (DOE) held its annual summit for the [Better Buildings, Better Plants program](#) May 15 through May 17 in Washington D.C. Each year, the Department of Energy acknowledges companies, including Johnson Controls, for their commitment to reducing energy intensity of their national manufacturing operations by at least 25 percent within 10 years.

At this year's event, Johnson Controls received two awards. Catherine Potter, director, Global Sustainability, accepted the Department of Energy's Better Plants, Better Practice Award on behalf of Johnson Controls. The following day, Clay Nesler, vice president, Global Sustainability and Industry Initiatives, and Fernando Reyes-Gonzalez, manager, Global Environmental Sustainability accepted the Goal Achievement Award on behalf of the company.

The Better Plants, Better Practice Award recognizes partner efforts to drive organizational and cultural changes associated with energy efficiency achievements. Johnson Controls won the Better Practice and Goal Achievement Awards for establishing a company-wide [Energy Hunt program](#) as part of the Johnson Controls Manufacturing System that resulted in a threefold increase in identified energy savings projects and helped the company meet its Better Plants Challenge goal.

"Collaboration between the public and private sector through programs like Better Buildings, Better Plants helps scale best practices in sustainability," Grady Crosby, vice president, Public Affairs said. "This work is especially important for our world, in which the growing population in cities makes resource efficiency critical to economic growth and quality of life."

The Better Plants Goal Achievement Award was given to the company for achieving its 25 percent energy intensity reduction goal across its U.S. industrial facilities. The timeframe of the commitment extended for 10 years through 2019, however by the end of 2016 our energy intensity performance reached a 26 percent reduction, achieving our goal three years earlier. Cumulative energy savings across our U.S. industrial facilities over seven years amount to approximately 1,600,000 MWh which equals to removing approximately 166,000 homes from the electricity grid in the U.S.; and 700,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions avoided, which equals to removing approximately 148,000 cars from the streets for one year.

"As part of our Johnson Controls Manufacturing System journey, we set a goal for ourselves to not only achieve operational excellence, but also to be externally recognized for it," Jose Miguel Lopez Ascaso, vice president, Manufacturing Excellence said. "It is a true honor to be recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy for the hard work we've done to reduce energy use in our plants. A huge thanks to all of our employees working in our manufacturing operations who made this achievement possible."

Johnson Controls is proud to be a partner of the Department of Energy's Better Buildings Challenge, which now represents 4.4 billion square feet, over 1,000 manufacturing plants, 51 cities and states and a diversity of building owners, manufacturing firms, municipalities, financial institutions, and utilities.