ASHE Energy to Care Awards Instructions

Managing a health care facility is hard work. It's important to celebrate when you and your team achieve substantial energy savings that improve your organization's bottom line – all while benefiting the environment and greater community. The American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE) Energy to Care Awards celebrate facilities accomplishing sustainability goals that will pave the way for environmental stewardship, social equity and fiduciary responsibility in their health care organizations — while also supporting healthy, equitable and resilient environments and communities.

ASHE offers four awards recognizing energy savings in health care facilities:

•   Energy to Care Award

•   Sustained Performance Award

•   Sustainability Champions Award
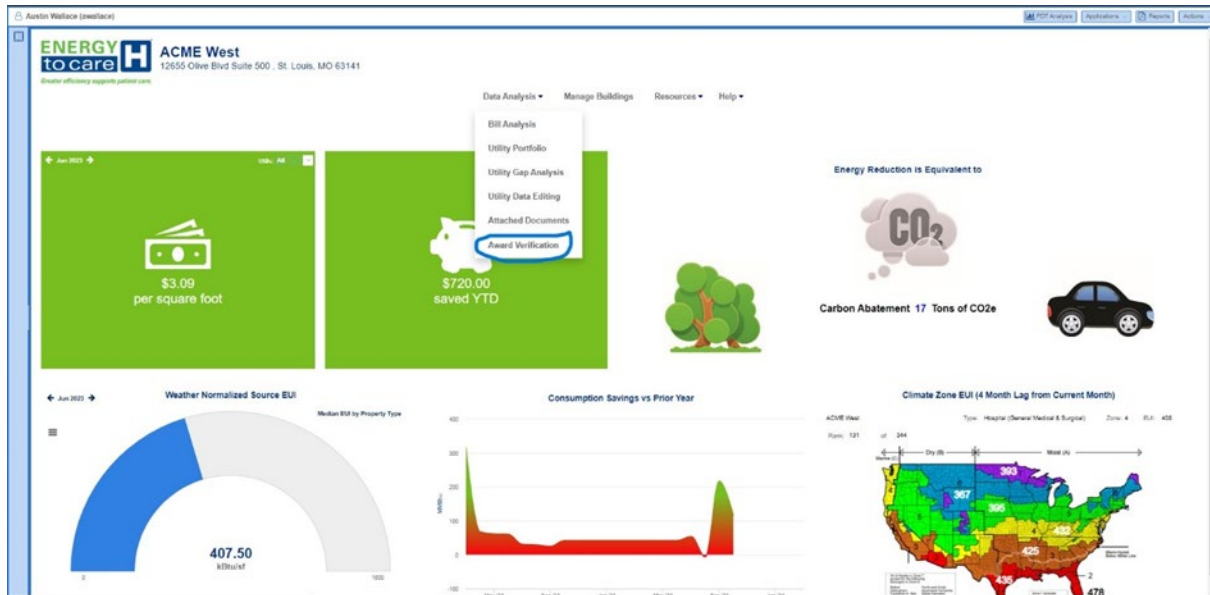
•   Chapter Challenge Award

An underlying piece of criteria for all awards is that eligible facilities must be tracking their energy and water consumption, as well as greenhouse gas emissions, in the Energy to Care Dashboard and verify the accuracy of their data.

The Energy to Care Award has a reverse application process. Once the facility inputs their current data, the criteria tabs will update. Showing green, meaning they have met the criteria, or red, meaning they have not met the criteria. If green is shown, then the facility member can double click in the row, verify that their data is current and accurate, and hit update.

The Sustained Performance and Sustainability Champions Awards have a formal application process where facilities submit the application form located on the ASHE Awards website.

Click here for the application forms for the Sustained Performance Award and the Sustainability Champions Award.

In 2024, ASHE has updated the Energy to Care Dashboard to house an Award Verification page under the Data Analysis tab for building operators to view all of their accessed buildings awards progress in one location. The image below shows where the Award Verification tab is located in the Energy to Care Dashboard.

By selecting an individual facility under your system umbrella, you will be able to view just that facility. If you select the system in the navigation tree on the left-hand side of the dashboard, you will be able to see every facility that you have access to. The image below shows an example of the full system level view. Please note that as you update your data in the Energy to Care Dashboard the EUI and criteria fields will populate and turn green to indicate that facility has met specific awards criteria.

The new Awards Verification page will allow building and system operators to view the award statuses of each of their facilities.

Each of the Energy to Care Award types are color coordinated along the columns at the top of the page for Energy to Care, Sustained Performance, and Sustainability Champions.

Energy to Care Award

If either the "1-year Qual % Savings (10% Goal)," "2-year Qual % Savings (15% Goal)," or the "1-year Prev Winner Qual % Savings (5% Goal)" is showing green, then that facility is eligible to win an Energy to Care Award.

Note: As stated above, ASHE will automatically contact those facilities that meet the Energy to Care Award's savings reduction criteria. Those interested in receiving a Sustained Performance and Sustainability Champions Award, however, must submit an application. Both application forms can be found linked above on the introduction page or on the Energy to Care Awards website. Please complete these applications before you update the award eligible facility rows.

Sustained Performance Award

As you scroll to the right on the Awards Verification page, the Sustained Performance Award criteria is indicated in blue on the column headings. If the 3 Year Sustained Performance column is green with a Y, for yes, then that facility is eligible to win the Sustained Performance Award.

Sustainability Champions Award

As you scroll to the right on the Awards Verification page, the Sustainability Champions Award criteria is indicated in purple on the column headings. If the 5 Years of Energy Star Certification >= 75 is green with a Y, for yes, and the following columns have been filled out, then that facility is eligible to win the Sustainability Champions Award.

While on the Awards Verification page you can verify your facility information and update the primary contact information by double clicking on each row.

IMPORTANT: Once you have input your most up-to-date utility data, scroll through your facilities and complete the verification steps on those qualifying facilities by double clicking on each row and selecting either "Y" for yes, or "N" for no, indicating your facility data is accurate and current.

Next, scroll to the right on the Awards Verification page and locate the next set of gold column criteria with the (All awards) tag.

Double click, if you have not already, and fill in the facility information with the Facility Name, Award Winner Name, and Primary Contact information and confirm by pressing "Update" when finished.

Note: Specific to the Sustainability Champions Award

The "Docs" column, on the far right of the dashboard, can be used to attach your documentation for your Published Sustainability Statement, Sustainability Lead or Staff, and Designated Green Team Roster per the Sustainability Champions Award criteria. You can attach this information on either the Application form or through the "Docs" column.