

Closing the Divide

While both renewable energy and energy efficiency are making great progress, government, energy industries and educational systems typically view them separately. Some companies and governmental programs have attempted to integrate the two (e.g., zero-energy homes), but there has not been enough collaboration between these two essential elements of a sustainable, clean energy future.

The Closing the Divide Award category seeks innovative examples of initiatives that help “close the divide” between energy efficiency and renewable energy, and which can lead us down the path to our clean energy, sustainable future.

Projects must have been completed in 2013 to be eligible for nomination.

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*** 1. Please provide a brief summary of your project (1000 character limit)**

*** 2. How large is the market or the group of individuals who may benefit from the initiative?**

3. How does this Initiative demonstrate innovation, creativity and leadership in closing the divide between efficiency and renewable energy? (1000 character limit)

4. How is the project funded? (1000 character limit)

5. What metrics were used to measure the initiative's success? (1000 character limit)

6. What barriers did the project face and how were they overcome? (1000 character limit)

7. What was the resulting incremental increase in renewable energy capacity (KW) from this project?

*** 8. What is the estimated annual electricity savings from this project in KWH?**

*** 9. Did any specific IREC programs/tools aid in the implementation and success of this project?**

YES

NO

If yes, please describe

*** 10. How can this project be replicated or used as a model for others? (1000 character limit)**