

## State and Local Government

The State and Local Government Achievement of the Year award recognizes innovative state or local government policies, programs, regulations, legislation, etc. that advance the sustainable growth of clean energy jobs and infrastructure.

Applications may be submitted by, or on behalf of, any state or local government body that demonstrate excellence and innovation in removing barriers to clean energy manufacturing, deployment and job growth. Initiatives must have been enacted in 2013 and must have achieved measurable results. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- State legislation that removes barriers to clean energy infrastructure
- Regulatory changes that remove barriers or reduce the cost for on-site customer-owned renewable generation
- Initiatives that streamline or reduce non-equipment costs
- Proven policies, programs or incentives that attract and support clean energy manufacturing, sales and support jobs
- Model clean energy ordinances

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**\* 1. Describe the scope of the initiative and why it was undertaken. What specific problem (s), if any, does the Initiative remedy? (Limit response to 1000 characters)**

**\* 2. Describe the size and diversity of the market or the group of individuals who may benefit from the Initiative (Limit response to 1000 characters)**

**\* 3. What measurable changes have occurred because of the Initiative (job growth, capacity installed, etc)? (1000 character limit)**

**4. If applicable, how is this initiative consistent with IREC's programs and overall mission? What, if any, specific IREC programs/tools aided in the implementation and success of this project? (1000 character limit)**

**\* 5. Describe how the initiative is can be used as a model for others. (1000 character limit)**

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

**7. If applicable, discuss any cost impacts on citizens. For example, did a regulatory change increase or decrease electric rates for ratepayers? Did a legislative initiative result in a change in a citizens tax burden? (1000 character limit)**