**2013 Maryland Trailblazer Awards Application**

MD H2E is now accepting applications for its annual Trailblazer Award. The MD H2E Trailblazer Award is given to a hospital in Maryland that demonstrates leadership in advancing sustainability in a particular area or areas of their operations. The winners are all strong models for other hospitals, blazing the trail of sustainable health care by reducing their environmental footprint and raising the bar on achieving improved results. Feel free to browse presentations from last year’s winners: <http://mdh2e.org/awards-recognition/2012-trailblazer-awards/>

Winners will be expected to work with MD H2E in 1) writing a case study delineating the program(s); 2) developing a Power Point and/or interactive presentation; and 3) presenting the presentation at the MD H2E Trailblazer Education event in Fall 2014.

**Deadline: *Friday March 14th*. Applicants will be notified by *Friday April 11th* of their award status. Winners will be presented with their awards at the Maryland Hospital Association annual meeting on *June 4th*.**

**Name of Hospital:**

**Street:**

**City, State, Zip (must be Maryland):**

**Contact Name:**

**Contact Job Title:**

**Contact Phone Number:**

**Contact Email:**

**Names of Team Members:**

1. What sustainability program/project has your hospital been a leader and trailblazer in implementing? (Focus on **no more than 2 areas** of sustainable practices)
2. Why did your hospital choose this program/project as important? Please be specific as to what the environmental, financial, health, and/or other reasons are for committing resources to this area/project.
3. Who was involved in this program/project? That is, what departments or other stakeholders helped get the work done?
4. What were the goals of the project/program?
5. What steps did the hospital take to accomplish the goals, from start to finish? List in chronological order and be specific.
6. How did you measure the success of the project? Please provide quantitative as well as qualitative data that support your project/program.
7. How much did the project cost? How long will it take to achieve a return on investment (if known)?
8. What were the environmental impacts (i.e., fewer gallons of water used per month, fewer kilowatt hours consumed, etc)? Have there been any measurable cost savings so far?
9. What is unique about the program/project that makes it *trailblazing*?
10. How can your program/project be transferred to other hospitals? What lessons were learned along the way, or what may have been done differently, that may make it a smoother process for another hospital to undertake?

Applicants may use more space than provided as necessary and attach supporting documents. For questions, please call Joan Plisko, Technical Director for MD H2E, at 410-706-2107, or email Jplisko@som.umaryland.edu Please return completed form to same.