



MARYLAND HOSPITALS
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HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

2015 Maryland Trailblazer Award Application

Maryland Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (MD H2E) is accepting applications for its 6th annual Trailblazer Award. The MD H2E Trailblazer Award is given to hospitals or health care facilities in Maryland that demonstrate leadership in advancing sustainability in a particular area or areas of 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. In 2014, winners were recognized for superior work in energy conservation, sustainable food and toxics reduction. All winners showed strong support from hospital leadership. Please visit the MD H2E website to review presentations from last year's winners: <http://mdh2e.org/awards-recognition/2014-trailblazer-award-winners-and-case-studies/>

The 2015 Trailblazer Award winners will be expected to collaborate with MD H2E to 1) write a case study delineating the program; 2) prepare an interactive presentation; and 3) present at the MD H2E Trailblazer Education event in October 2015

Deadline: *Friday March 27th*. Applicants will be notified by *Friday April 24th* of their award status. Winners will be presented with their awards at the Maryland Hospital Association annual meeting in early June, 2015.

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? This program/project must have concluded, or at least have shown measurable first results by December 31, 2014. (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? Please be specific in titles and what roles individuals may have played.
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. Timeline or paragraph form is fine.
6. How did you measure the success of the project? Please provide quantitative as well as qualitative data that support your project/program. What was the feedback received from staff, patients, VP, CEO, etc?
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? Highlight three to five key tips and three - five lessons learned.

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.