NRG Energy Honors Trailblazers at 7th Annual Excellence in Energy Awards

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NRG is recognizing organizations helping build a stronger, more resilient future through energy leadership

HOUSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 16, 2026-- NRG Energy, Inc. today recognized a group of outstanding business customers during its seventh annual Excellence in Energy Awards, celebrating organizations that are making meaningful investments in their communities, strengthening sustainability efforts, and advancing energy performance across their operations.

Now in its seventh year, the Excellence in Energy Awards honor customers that are demonstrating what purposeful leadership looks like in action. From schools and universities to healthcare systems, nonprofits, and commercial organizations, this year's winners are finding innovative ways to create value for the people they serve while making lasting contributions to a more sustainable and resilient future.

“Every year, these awards remind us that leadership comes in many forms,” said Scott Hart, Executive Vice President, President of NRG Business. “Whether it's supporting local communities, investing in sustainability initiatives, or improving energy performance, our customers are showing how thoughtful decisions today can create long-term benefits for their organizations and the people who depend on them. We're proud to recognize their achievements and celebrate the impact they continue to make.”

NRG is pleased to announce the 2026 recipients of the **Excellence in Energy Awards** in the following categories:

Community Impact

Honors organizations making a meaningful difference through service, partnerships, or charitable initiatives.

Gold- Caddo Mills ISD – Caddo Mills, TX

Silver- Children’s Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend – Portland, TX

Bronze- Prime Healthcare – Ontario, CA

Sustainability Leadership

Recognizes businesses driving measurable environmental progress through sustainability initiatives.

Gold- MemorialCare – California

Silver- Crestwood Behavioral Health – California

Bronze- Accenture Tower – KBS / Transwestern – Chicago, IL

Energy Efficiency

Celebrates organizations improving operations through smart energy management and efficiency.

Gold- Long Island University – New York

Silver- Pace University – New York

Bronze- Family House – Pittsburgh, PA

Timeless Award

Presented to a customer whose longstanding partnership with NRG reflects a shared commitment to reliability, responsible energy management, and creating lasting value. The Timeless Award recognizes organizations that have built a legacy of collaboration while continuing to invest in their operations, communities, and energy future.

Timeless Award Winner- BJ’s Wholesale Club

NRG is proud to recognize BJ's Wholesale Club with the 2026 Timeless Award. Since 2013, BJ's and NRG have built a strong partnership that has evolved alongside the company's energy needs, with NRG supporting BJ's through natural gas, retail power, energy portfolio services, and demand response programs that help support grid reliability. BJ's has demonstrated a commitment

to sustainability and community impact through solar investments at store locations and support for local nonprofits through the BJ's Charitable Foundation. By combining responsible energy management with a dedication to the communities it serves, BJ's exemplifies the enduring value of long-term partnership and the spirit of the Timeless Award.

Submissions for the awards were received from NRG business customers, energy brokers, and account managers nationwide. NRG congratulates all of this year's winners for their dedication to creating meaningful impact through community service, sustainability leadership, and energy stewardship.

About NRG

NRG is a leading provider of electricity, natural gas, and smart home solutions to eight million customers across North America. The company operates a customer-first platform supported by a diversified supply strategy and the safe, reliable operation of approximately 25 GW of power generation. NRG plays a meaningful role in competitive energy markets, and our innovative team is creating the flexible and affordable solutions that households and large businesses need today and in the future. Visit nrg.com for more information, and connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and X.

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