

## Bedford Energy Commission

# ***Bedford Green Business Award***



## **Nomination Guidelines and form**

The Bedford Energy Commission seeks to recognize the important efforts and achievements of Bedford businesses that make continuous improvements in their environmental performance. This award will be given to businesses that best demonstrate a commitment to minimizing their impact on the environment and significant success in increasing sustainability. The Energy Commission looks for businesses that place high value on sustainability, implement sustainable practices and demonstrate their commitment to becoming a more sustainable business.

The Bedford Energy Commission accepts nominations for the Bedford Green Business Award from businesses, the public, and Energy Commission members, and will award the Bedford Green Business Award periodically. Nominations can be submitted by emailing this form to [dboufford@bedfordnh.org](mailto:dboufford@bedfordnh.org).

The Energy Commission understands that green business commitments can require substantial investment by businesses and are a significant undertaking. The nominee's commitment can be measured in any of the following phases: Recognition, Intention, Priority, Planning, Monitoring, Impact Measurement, Communication. These phases are defined below:

Recognition: Acknowledging that environmental and social impacts are important concerns to the business.

Intention: Demonstrating actions taken to address the recognized issues.

Priority: Ensuring that recognized topics and issues are part of the business's regular agenda.

Planning: Adopting action plans to demonstrate progress in addressing the recognized issues.

Monitoring: Keeping track of action plan execution and checking the results against objectives/targets described in the action plans.

Impact measurement: Continuously improving sustainability management in order to gradually promote sustainable performance that drives impact.

Communication: Promoting the business's sustainability efforts to all stakeholders through internal and external communication.

## Nomination Form

The Bedford Energy Commission's assessment of Bedford Green Business Award nominations will generally be based on the business's commitment to the following criteria, in any of the above phases. Please explain how the nominated business exhibits any/all of these criteria:

**Strategy and Vision: An articulated understanding and development of a sustainability strategy and commitment to implement it at the highest level.**

Please describe how the nominated business articulates the Strategy and Vision of a Green Business Leader in the community:

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**Sustainability in the Community: A commitment to exploring community development projects and importance set on how they improve quality of life.**

Please describe how the nominated business practices Sustainability in the Community:

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**Supply Chain Management: Management of details of supply chains to ensure competitiveness and sustainability.**

Please describe how the nominated business practices sustainable Supply Chain Management:

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**Energy Management: Examination, development, and promotion of the activities that reduce energy bills, improve reliability and minimize pollution and emissions. Recognition that promotion and development of renewable energy solutions has financial, reputational and competitive benefits.**

Please describe how the nominated business practices responsible and sustainable Energy Management:

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**Water Management: Implementation of water efficiency practices, as water becomes an increasingly important resource.**

Please describe how the nominated business practices responsible and sustainable Water Management:

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**Waste Management: Best practices encourage 'closed loop' systems that treat all resources as valuable. Recycling actively practiced.**

Please describe how the nominated business practices responsible Waste Management practices:

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**Land Use, Biodiversity and the Environment: Active plan to reduce the business impact on wildlife and ecosystems.**

Please describe how the nominated business responsibly reduces the business impact on wildlife and ecosystems:

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Bedford Green Business Award recipients will be recognized at an Energy Commission meeting with a certificate and will be commemorated at Town Offices on a plaque. There is no monetary award.

Your name and contact information:

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Contact information of the business being nominated:

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