Application Guidelines

Award 1: Net Zero Energy Building Project of the Year

Definition

Award 1 rewards a designed, under construction or completed building whose design, construction and completion has targeted/achieved a nearly zero, net zero or net positive energy status.

Eligibility

Includes all respective building typologies that have achieved or targeted a nearly zero, net zero, or net positive energy status in the MENA region as per the time frame (2022 or thereafter) and before the official Awards deadline. Submissions from any key stakeholder involved in the project (designer, architect, contractor, owner) and joint submissions are allowed. See below for definitions:

- A Nearly Zero Energy Office or Residence Building (nZEB) in the UAE is be defined as a highly energy efficient building with a site Energy Use Intensity less than 90 kWh/m2/year and covers a significant portion of its annual energy use by renewable energy sources produced on-site or off-site.

- A Net Zero or Net Positive Energy Building, with a similar Energy Use Intensity as a nZEB, covers all its annual onsite energy demand through prioritization of on-site, then off-site renewable energy generation.

Mandatory Submission:

- Filled online application form, with answers relevant to the application questions.
- One (1) annex document: technical documentation to illustrate the information provided. Kindly note that the supporting document cannot exceed 10 pages in length.

Application Questions:

1. Please describe your project and highlight the relevant achievements as per the application time frame (2022 and thereafter). (400 words max)
2. How is your project contributing to sustainability (socially, economically, and environmentally) on the local and regional level? Please highlight relevant practices that contribute to the advancement of the green building industry. (400 words max)
   Pointers include:
   - *Zero standards*
   - *Energy Efficiency*

o *Renewable Energy*

o *Embodied Carbon*

o *Construction*

o *Innovation*

3. Why should your project win the award for the category selected? (400 words max)