



BUILDINGS, BENCHMARKS & BEYOND

Tools and Programs for Sustainable Buildings in Minnesota

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Best of B3 Celebration to Recognize Top Sustainable Projects and Leaders in Minnesota

The State of Minnesota is leading the nation in requiring 70% more energy efficient State buildings in an effort to have all State construction carbon neutral by 2030. Designed to increase energy efficiency and sustainability, the State of Minnesota's Buildings, Benchmarks, and Beyond (B3) programs were developed for and are required on State-funded projects in Minnesota. On October 25, 2018, the fourth annual *Best of B3 Recognition Luncheon* will be held at International Market Square in Minneapolis to recognize the achievements of B3 program participants. Up to four nominees will be recognized in each of seven Best of B3 categories. One award winner in each category will be announced at the Luncheon. The Best of B3 nominees are:

Best of B3 Design

- Bell Museum
- City of Mankato Transit Facility
- DNR Area Office, Glenwood

Best of SB 2030

- CHS Field
- City of Mankato Transit Facility
- East Snarr Hall Renovation

Best of B3 Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) - Workplace

- Hormel Institute International Center of Research Technology
- Jemne Building Restoration
- UMTC Recreation and Wellness Center Expansion

Best of B3 Benchmarking - Higher Education

- Minnesota West Community and Technical College, Canby
- Ridgewater College, Willmar
- Riverland Community College, Owatonna

Best of B3 Benchmarking – Local Government

- City of Inver Grove Heights
- City of Morris
- City of Scandia

Best of B3 Benchmarking - Public Schools

- Mankato Area Public Schools
- River's Edge Academy
- School District 197 West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan
- Wright Technical Center

Best of B3 Benchmarking - State Agency

- Minnesota Department of Education
- Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Minnesota State Academies

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