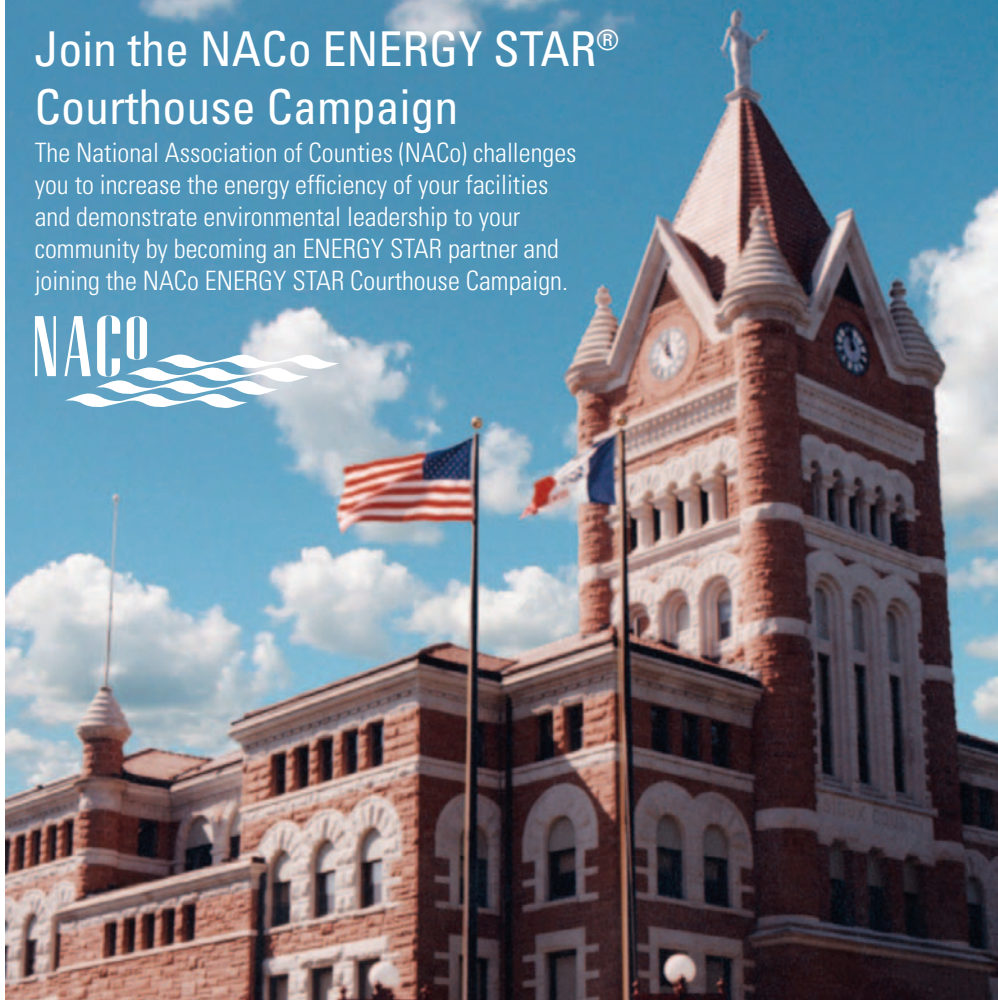


Join the NACo ENERGY STAR® Courthouse Campaign

The National Association of Counties (NACo) challenges you to increase the energy efficiency of your facilities and demonstrate environmental leadership to your community by becoming an ENERGY STAR partner and joining the NACo ENERGY STAR Courthouse Campaign.



YOUR COUNTY CAN CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

Buildings that earn the ENERGY STAR use about 40 percent less energy than average buildings, without compromising comfort.

By earning and displaying the ENERGY STAR label for courthouses and office buildings, counties can demonstrate commitment to energy efficiency and environmental leadership, while saving money on monthly utility bills. The ENERGY STAR label has become the national symbol for energy efficiency, recognized by more than 40 percent of the American public. For more information about ENERGY STAR, go to www.energystar.gov



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What is ENERGY STAR®?

ENERGY STAR is a government-backed program helping governments, businesses, and individuals protect the environment through superior energy efficiency. Because a strategic approach to energy management can produce twice the savings – for the bottom line and the environment – than typical approaches, EPA’s ENERGY STAR partnership offers a proven energy management strategy that helps in measuring current energy performance, setting goals, tracking savings, and rewarding improvements.

EPA recently expanded Portfolio Manager, which houses the national energy performance rating system, to include courthouse buildings. The rating system evaluates building energy performance on a scale of 1-100. Buildings that earn a score of 75 or greater are eligible for the ENERGY STAR. For more information, go to www.energystar.gov

What is the NACo ENERGY STAR Courthouse Campaign?

This campaign encourages counties to become ENERGY STAR partners and improve the energy performance of their courthouses and office buildings. The basic steps of the campaign are:

1. Join the NACo ENERGY STAR Courthouse Campaign.
2. Become an ENERGY STAR partner.
3. Receive information and the tools to:
 - a. Assess the energy performance of your county courthouse and/or office buildings,
 - b. Integrate ENERGY STAR into an existing or new energy management plan, and
 - c. Implement energy efficiency improvements and strive to achieve ENERGY STAR.
4. Receive national recognition from EPA and NACo for significant energy efficiency improvements and/or earning the ENERGY STAR.

“Having the ENERGY STAR displayed on your county buildings shows a strong commitment to saving energy, money and the environment. Join the NACo ENERGY STAR Courthouse Campaign and be a leader in energy efficiency and good government.”

Commissioner Robert Downing, Calhoun County, Alabama

NACo’s Energy Efficiency Program will facilitate these steps and stay in touch with each county involved in the campaign. Participating counties will also be part of NACo’s County Energy Efficiency Network, which fosters peer-to-peer communication and assistance between counties on energy issues. EPA’s ENERGY STAR program will provide counties with the information and tools to help them improve their buildings’ energy performance. At various stages of the campaign, counties will receive national recognition for their achievements.

Why should my county join the NACo ENERGY STAR Courthouse Campaign?

Government agencies spend more than \$10 billion a year on energy to provide public services and meet constituent needs – while grappling with tightening budgets. Yet nearly one-third of the energy used to run typical government buildings goes to waste. By joining the campaign, you will receive technical assistance from NACo and EPA’s ENERGY STAR program to improve the energy performance of your facilities. Becoming more energy efficient is a commitment to your taxpayers as well as the environment. ENERGY STAR brings your county a proven energy management strategy to save energy and money while demonstrating your environmental leadership.

How does my county get involved in the NACo ENERGY STAR Courthouse Campaign?

Contact Beth Bleil of NACo at 202-942-4246 or bbleil@naco.org.





For more information about NACo's Energy Efficiency Program, go to the Technical Assistance Section under the County Resource Center at www.naco.org.