IoThinkTank | IOT AWARDS

OPERATIONS & SMART SPACES

IoT Smart Building Award

Creating Safer, Smarter, and More Responsive Buildings

ENTRY GUIDE

Award details, dates, and past winners: iothinktank.com/iot-smart-building-award/



About the award

The IoT Smart Building Award recognizes connected technologies that improve how buildings are monitored, managed, maintained, and experienced. From commercial offices and healthcare facilities to campuses, warehouses, multifamily properties, and other complex environments, these solutions help building teams operate more safely, efficiently, and intelligently.

This award honors the organizations using sensors, connected equipment, automation, analytics, and real-time data to improve facility operations. Eligible solutions may support building automation, HVAC and equipment monitoring, indoor air quality, occupancy, leak detection, energy management, predictive maintenance, safety, access control, or other building-intelligence applications.

Why IoT matters in smart buildings

Buildings contain complex systems that affect energy use, equipment performance, occupant comfort, maintenance requirements, and safety. When those systems operate independently or provide limited visibility, facility teams are often forced to respond after problems have already disrupted operations or created unnecessary costs.

IoT technologies give building owners and operators continuous insight into equipment, environmental conditions, occupancy, water use, energy performance, and facility activity. By turning building data into timely alerts and actionable intelligence, connected systems help teams prevent failures, automate routine work, improve resource efficiency, and create safer, more responsive spaces.

Who should enter

- Building automation and management platforms
- HVAC and equipment monitoring innovators
- Occupancy and space utilization platforms
- Predictive maintenance and fault detection platforms
- Owners, operators, and integrators deploying smart building solutions
- Facility operations technology providers
- Indoor air quality and environmental sensing solutions
- Leak detection and water monitoring providers
- Smart safety, access, and building security innovators

Entries are welcome from organizations developing or deploying connected technologies that improve building operations, equipment performance, resource management, occupant experience, maintenance, safety, or facility visibility.

What to include

Describe the building challenge, connected systems, integration with building controls, deployment scope, occupant and operator needs, data governance, and measurable performance outcomes. Explain the solution's technical approach, implementation maturity, integrations, scale, security, reliability, and practical value.

- Quantified improvements in energy use, comfort, air quality, safety, maintenance, space utilization, response time, resilience, cost, or occupant satisfaction
- Deployment details, including locations, devices, users, systems, operating conditions, and implementation timeline
- Customer, client, or end-user identification when the entry relies on a real-world deployment
- Supporting evidence, including case studies, performance data, dashboards, customer validation, images, videos, technical documents, or information URLs
- Any confidentiality, regulatory, embargo, or publicity restrictions

Supporting collateral should make the entry easier to verify and evaluate. Include the strongest evidence available, and clearly distinguish measured results from estimates, projections, or planned outcomes.

Eligibility

The award is open to organizations and individuals developing or deploying connected technologies in commercial buildings, campuses, schools, hospitals, residential properties, industrial facilities, hospitality, retail, and public buildings. Commercial products, platforms, public-sector programs, research-led deployments, pilots, and customer implementations are eligible when the entry includes enough evidence for meaningful evaluation.

Submitted work should be active, deployed, launched, or meaningfully advanced during the current awards cycle. Entrants may submit their own solution or a customer deployment with appropriate authorization.

Each product, platform, deployment, or project requires a separate submission and entry fee.

How it's judged

Every entry is scored out of 100 on five criteria. This award uses the Use Case, Deployment & Industry weighting, so evidence of real-world results counts most.

Innovation & Differentiation	20
Evidence & Measurable Impact	40
Execution & Scalability	25
Category Fit	10
Leadership & Industry Contribution	5

For this award, judges look for

- Operational impact through measurable improvements in building performance, maintenance, safety, efficiency, comfort, or resource management
- Innovation in connected building technology, sensing, automation, analytics, integration, or facility intelligence
- Real-world deployment demonstrated through validated pilots, commercial adoption, customer results, or proven use in operational buildings
- Integration maturity with existing building systems, equipment, workflows, platforms, or facility management technologies
- Scalability across buildings, portfolios, facility types, equipment classes, or operating environments
- Occupant and facility value through clearer insights, faster response, improved usability, stronger reliability, or better decision-making

Tips for a strong entry

Lead with the problem and the result.
Open with what wasn't working and what changed because of your solution. Judges should know why it matters by the end of your first paragraph.

Put numbers on it.
Evidence carries the most weight in scoring. Give before-and-after figures, and say which results are measured and which are estimates.

Name the customer.
A real deployment with a named customer is the strongest proof you can offer. If the name can't be published, tell us in writing when you submit.

Show it working.
Case studies, dashboards, screenshots, short videos, and technical documents help judges verify what you describe.

Write for this award.
Explain why your work fits this category specifically. A strong entry for one award can score poorly in another if the fit isn't clear.

Keep it tight.
Clear, specific answers beat long ones. Cut anything that doesn't help a judge understand the solution or its results.

How to enter

1. **Prepare your entry.** Gather the required organization, contact, product, deployment, and supporting information before beginning the application.
2. **Complete the application.** Describe the solution, connected technology, deployment environment, integrations, measurable outcomes, and supporting evidence.
3. **Submit payment.** The entry fee is charged when the application is submitted. Entries are not complete until payment is received.

You can save a draft and finish it anytime before the deadline. Deadlines close at 11:59 pm Pacific.

Current dates and fees

Entry dates and fees change each cycle. Find them, and get an email when entries open, on the award page.

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What winners get

- Recognition across IoThinkTank digital channels
- Official winner badge
- Dedicated winners page and newsroom coverage
- Visibility within the broader IoT and smart building community

Entry fees are charged at submission and are non-refundable. Customer or client identity should be included in your submission. If you need names excluded from public materials, notify us in writing at the time of submission. By submitting, you agree to the **Submission Guidelines**, **Privacy Policy**, and **Terms and Conditions**. IoThinkTank Awards are independent and unaffiliated with other award programs. Questions? Contact **awards@iothinktank.com**.