

2. Companies must submit three (3) hard copies and 1 soft copy (pdf format) of the completed entry form on or before **8 September 2017** to:

Excellence and Ecology Awards Committee

Attention: Ms. Grace Morella

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Permits and supporting documents may be submitted in soft copy (USB Flash Drive or CD or e-mailed to e3awards2017@philippinechamber.com)

3. The company profile, summary of accomplishments and basic government requirements will be the bases of the initial screening by the Technical Working Group (TWG). Companies who will passed the screening shall be notified via fax and/ or e-mail. They shall be endorsed to the Board of Judges as finalists.
4. Finalists shall be scheduled for an interview by the Board of Judges for the Final Judging.

Eligibility

1. All Philippine-registered companies are eligible to join the PCCI Excellence in Ecology and Economy Awards.
2. For companies that are not affiliated with PCCI, it must secure an endorsement from any of the following: PCCI affiliated companies, local chambers, and industry associations; national government agencies such as Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Department of Science and Technology (DOST).
3. Only small and medium enterprises (SMEs) are eligible to apply for the Environmental Innovation Award. SMEs are enterprises with total assets below P100 million, inclusive of those from loans but exclusive of the land where the business is situated.,
4. Only project/s or initiative/s that have been completed with the period January 2015 to August 2017 that delivered improved environmental performance and business gains for the company will be evaluated.
5. Member-companies of the PCCI E3 Awards Technical Working Group are disqualified from joining the awards.
6. Past excellence awardees are no longer eligible to join the award. However, recipients of special citations may still vie for the excellence award provided the programs and initiatives they will present are within the period January 2015 to August 2017.
7. The nominee must:
 - Agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the PCCI Awards Committee;
 - Be willing to give additional information required by the Committee;
 - Make available a senior company official for interviews, if required; and
 - Indicate the willingness of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to appear and receive the award, if selected;
 - Accept the decision of the Board of Judges to be final.

Disclosure

All entries shall be treated with utmost confidentiality. Written approval by nominee shall be required to make public the details of the entries.



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2017 E³ Awards

Excellence in Ecology and Economy

Business Sustainability through Environmental Stewardship



**Philippine Chamber of
Commerce and Industry**
The Voice of Business

Rationale

Through the Excellence in Economy and Ecology Awards, the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) hopes to increase awareness and appreciation of the business sector on practical environmental programs that companies can implement. These initiatives may even go beyond what is legally mandated and may generate income, savings and other business benefits. The award highlights best environmental practices which can be replicated by other companies.

The award adopts the theme “Business Sustainability through Environmental Stewardship”. It highlights the importance of managing resources to ensure long term business operations.

Objectives

The E3 Awards seeks to recognize enterprises that have demonstrated innovative programs and outstanding environmental performance. It also recognizes companies who have shown that improving environmental performance translates to more business opportunities and sustainability.

The award will highlight the innovative and outstanding environmental practices of companies which shall serve as models for others to follow or replicate.

PCCI encourages all its corporate members, industry associations and local chamber members nationwide to participate or submit nominations for this very important undertaking.

Categories

- 1) Excellence in Ecology and Economy Award
- 2) Environmental Innovation Award for SMEs*

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General Criteria

Environmental Innovation Award for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

This award category will look into the implementation of project/s that delivered improved environmental performance and business gains such as increased access to high value market and improved in competitiveness.

The project/s can be in the form of the following: product development, process changes, efficient use of raw and process materials, replacement of raw and process materials, efficient use of natural resources, change of technology in producing products/services or in addressing pollution concerns, good housekeeping practices/ system (e.g 5S), solid waste minimization.

It will look into the environmental gains (reduction in water, energy consumption, reduction of raw materials used) and business gains (savings, market expansion, increased production capacity, increased profit, enhancement of capacitation of HR/SME staff) from implementing the project/s.

Excellence in Ecology and Economy Award

1. Initiatives over and above compliance resulting in business and/ or environmental gains

This refers to the pioneering and/or innovative initiatives that a company implemented beyond the requirements of existing environmental laws and policies. These initiatives should have mitigated or addressed the environmental aspects of their operations that provided the company significant business and environmental gains. This criterion will also look at the initiatives implemented by the company on climate change mitigation or adaptation, and disaster risk reduction and management. Initiatives implemented by the company will be assessed on its innovativeness, efficiency, significance and reach.

Innovation. Introduction of new or significantly improved product (good or service) or process, a new marketing method, or a new organizational method in business practices to eliminate and minimize the negative impact of business operations on the environment.

Efficiency (Management & Partnership)

Management Support. The presence of an environmental policy, organizational structure, participation of top management/ managers/ supervisors in environmental meetings, community projects and provision of resources for project implementation

Partnership. The ability of the enterprise to engage the members of the organization, stakeholders, regulators in the implementation of projects.

Significance. Environmental impact reduction from the introduction of environmental innovations in the following: materials, energy, water, biodiversity, emissions, effluents, and wastes, products and services. Financial savings/ economic gains from the introduction of environmental innovations. This may include: increase in market shares, sales, productivity, human resource development, reduce opportunity cost, among others.

Reach (Internal & External)

Internal. Refers to the designation/ level and number of employees in projects / programs, how the company communicates its policies and programs to its employees (via website, newsletters, etc.).

External. Refers to the influence made to stakeholders, community to be good environmental stewards, e.g., no. of individuals, enterprises / community influenced to adopt “green” or environment-friendly practices. This may also refer to the replicability of initiatives which can be emulated by other companies.

2. Implementation Approach

This refers to the systems or practices employed by the company in incorporating environmental sustainability in their operations. This criterion will look into the management commitment; implementation of company’s commitment through its practices and investments (in case of multi-national companies, the environment projects must be initiated by the local company); and how the company communicates its policy and programs within and outside the organization as part of their practice (management, employees, business partners, regulatory agency, and host community).

Mechanics

1. Companies who wish to join the Awards must be compliant with (basic) government regulations
 - a. Registered with the Department of Trade and Industry and/ or Securities and Exchange Commission
 - b. Possess necessary government licenses and permits
 - c. Compliant with (general) environmental standards
 - d. Compliant with tax regulations