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## Call for submissions opens for innovative exhibit featuring NYC building energy efficiency projects.

The Building Energy Exchange (BE-Ex) will be launching a new exhibit, *Celebrate NYC*, in partnership with the NYC Mayor's Office of Sustainability. Building owners, contractors, and others involved in energy efficiency retrofit projects are invited to submit their projects for inclusion through our Call for Projects, <https://goo.gl/forms/MINlny03B8chQTNF2>.

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The Building Energy Exchange, a non-profit energy efficiency resource center in downtown Manhattan, will be opening a larger, newly renovated Center, in Fall 2017. In honor of this important milestone, BE-Ex will open an exhibit celebrating New York City's leadership in advancing building energy efficiency and effective climate action.

In New York City, buildings are responsible for nearly 70% of greenhouse gas emissions<sup>1</sup>. But building professionals from across the field are working hard to reduce that impact.

"The Building Energy Exchange has been working effectively to educate and inspire building professionals to pursue energy efficiency solutions, and we are thrilled to celebrate the New York real estate community's leadership in creating world-class buildings of the future," said **Richard Yancey, Executive Director of the Building Energy Exchange**. "BE-Ex's mission is to provide building decision-makers and stakeholders with an objective venue to learn, see, discuss, and network; we know that this exhibit will do just that. *Celebrate NYC* will honor the great work that has already been accomplished in NYC, and inspire others to act with real, successful examples."

*Celebrate NYC* will showcase energy efficient building renovations and retrofits, and will feature upgrades and improvement of existing buildings of all different sizes and purposes throughout New York City.

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<sup>1</sup> New York City Mayor's Office of Sustainability, 2017  
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/gbee/html/about/about.shtml>

“The fight against climate change requires that all of us reconsider the ways in which we use energy. For New York City, our OneNYC program lays out the critical actions necessary to reduce emissions from our buildings, which make up nearly two-thirds of the City’s greenhouse gas emissions”, said **Mark Chambers, Director of the NYC Mayor’s Office of Sustainability**. “We are thrilled that the Building Energy Exchange exhibit is featuring the hard work New Yorkers are doing to improve our City’s buildings. We know the exhibit will both celebrate the work that’s been done and encourage the City and industry to do more.”

**Alicia Barton, President & CEO, New York State Research & Development Authority**, said, “Under Governor Cuomo’s nation-leading energy strategy, New York is making energy efficiency upgrades in buildings a priority to cut energy costs and significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from our building stock. BE-Ex’s *Celebrate NYC* exhibit will showcase examples of this important work that can serve as models for other building owners and contractors to follow.”

The Call for Projects for this exhibit is now open to the public. The exhibit will launch in conjunction with the opening of BE-Ex’s expanded center in late Fall 2017. It will run for 9+ months and will be seen by the thousands of building professionals who visit the Building Energy Exchange Center. In addition to being listed alongside their projects, all participants will be acknowledged at a celebratory opening event.

**John Banks, President of the Real Estate Board of New York**, said, “The Building Energy Exchange continues to be a space where best practices can be shared among our industry and the general public. This is a great opportunity for our community to showcase all the important work being done to make New York City’s world class buildings among the most efficient in the world.”

“Cities like New York are providing critical leadership on effective climate action, and BE-Ex’s *Celebrate NYC* exhibit will offer building professionals and policymakers both inspiration and solutions for cost-effective energy upgrades,” said **Donna DeCostanzo, Director, Northeast Energy and Sustainable Communities, Natural Resources Defense Council**. “Energy improvements save money while reducing global warming and other harmful pollution, making our buildings more affordable and resilient.”

BE-Ex plans to highlight a variety of system upgrades such as lighting, HVAC, envelope, controls, conveyance, and resilience upgrades. All types of building throughout New York City’s five boroughs will be represented, including market rate and affordable residential buildings, commercial properties, as well as schools and universities. This is neither a competition nor an award show; the exhibit’s Advisory Group will endeavor to include as many appropriate projects as are submitted.

**About BE-Ex**

The Building Energy Exchange is an independent nonprofit created to educate the building industry about innovative energy efficient technologies and lighting strategies, increasing the demand for efficiency projects and reducing friction for decision makers and practitioners. The Building Energy Exchange convenes networking and knowledge sharing events, professional training, and energy efficiency exhibits, in their downtown resource center. Additionally, BE-Ex manages targeted demonstration projects and maintains a website of extensive virtual resources at [www.be-exchange.org](http://www.be-exchange.org).

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