

Awards and Recognition

The Federal Electronics Challenge recognizes the efforts and achievements of FEC Partners through an optional national awards and recognition program. Partners can annually apply for recognition at one of three levels-bronze, silver, or gold. Although each recognition level has a specific set of requirements, flexibility is built into all three levels. The "Recognition" section of the FEC Web site <www.federalelectronicschallenge.net> contains detailed information about the award levels, the application process, and past award recipients. If you have any questions about the awards and recognition program, please email us at <partner@federalelectronicschallenge.net>.

Award Levels

The FEC encourages federal facilities and agencies to evaluate and improve their electronics management during all three life-cycle phases-acquisition and procurement, operation and maintenance, and end-of-life management. The award levels build upon one another, with the bronze level requiring Partners to address only one life-cycle phase, the silver level requiring Partners to address two life-cycle phases, and the gold level requiring Partners to address all three. The following table summarizes the requirements for each award level.

	Life Cycle Phases Addressed	Mandatory Activities	Optional Activities	Peer Mentoring Program
Bronze	Any 1 of 3	5	3	Not required
Silver	Any 2 of 3	10	6	Not required
Gold	All 3	15	9	Mentor 2 facilities

Benefits of Receiving an Award

All FEC award recipients receive the following:

- Recognition from the FEC at an Awards Ceremony.
- Listing in journals, in professional newsletters, and on the FEC Web site.
- A certificate or plaque suitable for hanging.

Application Process

All of the forms listed below are available on the FEC Web site.

- **Ensure eligibility**—Before applying for an award, ensure that you have completed the requirements for one of the award levels, and submitted your Baseline Survey.
- **Submit the Annual Reporting Form**—Each FEC Partner is required to submit this form to update the FEC on program progress.
- **Submit the Award Application**—The online interactive form will require you to provide the general information about your facility or agency; descriptions of how your organization completed the mandatory activities for the award level you selected; descriptions of how your organization completed the required number of optional activities; and allow you to attach supporting documentation. Supporting documentation is mandatory for all award applicants. FEC welcomes photographs, newsletters, flyers, press releases, and other materials that provide further information about the activities listed in the award level checklist.



All award applications must be received by **January 31, 2010**.

Questions?

The FEC awards and recognition program is described in more detail on the FEC Web site <www.federalelectronicschallenge.net/recognition.htm>. If you still have questions after reviewing the Web site, please email us at <partner@federalelectronicschallenge.net>.



The FEC is a voluntary partnership program that encourages federal facilities and agencies to purchase greener electronic products, reduce impacts of electronic products during use, and manage obsolete electronics in an environmentally safe way. For more information, visit <www.federalelectronicschallenge.net>.