



Partners in Net Zero Journey, Public Sector Award

Information Pack

The **Partners in Net Zero Journey, Public Sector Award** is a prestigious category in the PFM Awards, designed to recognise and celebrate the exceptional partnerships between public sector organisations and their service providers who excel in driving towards Net Zero carbon emissions. This award highlights the importance of collaboration in implementing sustainable practices, reducing carbon footprints, and achieving Net Zero targets within the facilities management sector. Effective partnerships in this journey are crucial as they ensure the seamless integration of innovative solutions and sustainable practices, which are vital for maintaining operational efficiency and meeting environmental goals. By honouring outstanding partnerships, the award encourages continuous improvement and innovation in sustainability practices, inspiring others to strive for excellence. It also emphasises the critical role of Net Zero initiatives in making public sector facilities more efficient, ethical, and sustainable.

Eligibility

- **Partnership Duration:** The partnership between the organisation and the service provider must have been in place for at least one year.
- **Public Sector:** Open to organisations operating within the public sector and their service providers.

What to Submit

- **The Entry Form:** Submit digitally through the website.
- **Supporting Submission:** Up to 1,500 words (as a Word document, PDF, or PowerPoint presentation) to support the entry, including a nomination from the client and/or service provider, plus a 250-word summary. The criteria to include are as follows (please demonstrate as much of the following as you can):

Performance and Achievement

- **Carbon Reduction Initiatives:** Demonstrated excellence in implementing practices that significantly reduce carbon emissions.
- **Sustainability:** High levels of commitment to sustainable practices, supported by initiatives that reduce environmental impact.
- **Ethical Practice:** Evidence of ensuring best practices around ESG and Net Zero all the way down supply chains.

Innovation

- **Innovative Solutions:** Implementation of innovative techniques, technologies, or processes that have improved sustainability and efficiency.
- **Technology Integration:** Adoption of advanced technologies that enhance sustainability efforts and management.

Professional Development

- **Training and Development:** Commitment to ongoing training and professional development of staff in sustainability and net zero practices.
- **Certifications:** Relevant certifications or accreditations achieved by the sustainability team.

Impact and Contribution

- **Operational Impact:** Positive impact on the organisation's operations, supported by measurable outcomes or feedback from clients.
- **Community Engagement:** Participation in community or industry-related activities, demonstrating a commitment to the wider community.

Compliance and Safety

- **Regulatory Compliance:** Adherence to industry regulations and safety standards, ensuring a safe and compliant working environment.
- **Safety Initiatives:** Active involvement in promoting and implementing safety initiatives within the workplace.

Nominations and References

- **Client Nomination:** A nomination from the client, highlighting the achievements and contributions of the service provider in the net zero journey.
- **References:** Supporting references from colleagues, supervisors, or clients, providing additional insights into the partnership's performance and character.

Next Steps

- **Finalists Announcement:** Finalists will be announced in June, at a date to be confirmed (please keep an eye on the website and our social media).
- **Site Visit:** The judges will be in contact to arrange a site visit at a mutually agreed date and time over the summer. More information is available on the Judging section of pfmawards.co.uk.
- **Awards Ceremony:** The winner will be announced at the PFM Awards on 5 November 2025. Ideally, all finalists should be present at the Awards. If you are unable to attend, please let us know in advance.

Please note that due to the number of submissions we receive, we are only able to offer feedback on those candidates selected as finalists. If you have any questions, email the PFM Editor at amanda.vlietstra@imlgroup.co.uk