

The Vermont Efficiency Excellence Network's (EEN) Best of the Best Awards



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During April's Better Buildings by Design conference, two businesses were recognized for Efficiency Vermont's Best of the Best (BOB) awards from the Efficiency Excellence Network (EEN). Vermont Foam Insulation was recognized as the EEN Partner of the Year. Al Jeffers and Sons Heating and Cooling was recognized with EEN's Leadership Award.

The EEN Partner of the Year Award recognizes a firm or individual in the Efficiency Excellence Network that has demonstrated commitment as an Efficiency Vermont partner. Congratulations to Vermont Foam Insulation, this year's award winner.

When it comes to the Home Performance with Energy Star (HPwES) program, Vermont Foam Insulation (VFI) is one of Efficiency Vermont's most supportive contributors. More than just "thought partners" on program design and market needs, VFI is a loyal and valuable partner dating back to the program's very inception. The organization consistently champions Efficiency Vermont to VFI customers, driving increased HPwES awareness and participation.

As reported in *Analyzing Energy*, year-over-year, VFI is one of the largest-volume producers of projects reported

in the HPwES program. Learn more at www.vermontfoaminsulation.com.

The EEN Leadership Award recognizes a firm or individual in the Efficiency Excellence Network who has demonstrated innovation, influence, and commitment to the energy efficiency industry. Congratulations to Al Jeffers and Sons Heating and Cooling, this year's award winner.

Tim Jeffers is a leader by example and by practice for the approach he takes to his trade and for the projects his company produces. Jeffers and Sons installs a lot of heat pumps. But they only install heat pumps when it is the right

equipment for the application – and when the proper steps have been taken to evaluate the application and design the system. His company focus is on quality outcomes, not quantity.

Jeffers approaches his work with sound, old-school HVAC principles and methods as a foundation, while keeping up with, and making use of, the most modern, state-of-the-art heat pump and mechanical equipment on the market. Tim was a very early adopter of air-to-water heat pump technology and is a huge proponent of the equipment, regularly specifying and installing it on any job where he sees it will make sense. He is an expert in hydronic design and installations.

Jeffers has also been installing geothermal heat pump systems since the 1990s. He understands the process and equipment, always finding the best, most practical system match for the building and site conditions. His ability to see all the applications for heat pump equipment (ductless, ducted, air-to-water, geothermal) makes him uniquely able to find the best solution for any project.

Learn more at www.jeffersheatingandcooling.com.



During the BBD conference on April 5, Steve Spatz, Efficiency Vermont's account manager (left), presents Will Reed, Vermont Foam Insulation's general manager with the EEN partner of the year award. (Homer Horowitz Photography)



During the BBD conference on April 5, Steve Spatz, Efficiency Vermont's account manager (left), presents Tim Jeffers, president of Al Jeffers and Sons Heating and Cooling with the EEN leadership award. (Homer Horowitz Photography)

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