Since 1987, the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (ISTC) has presented the Illinois Governor’s Sustainability Award to organizations in Illinois that demonstrate a commitment to sustaining our environmental and economic health.

### Governor’s Award Winners, 1987-2014

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<td>The first round of Governor’s Pollution Prevention Awards are presented to four Illinois manufacturers: • Continental/Midland • General Motors • Safety-Kleen • Solvent Systems Int’l</td>
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<td>Students from Raymond Marquith Elementary School (East Galesburg) accept a Pollution Prevention Award from Governor Edgar.</td>
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### TOP TECHNOLOGIES/PROJECTS

- **Energy**
  - LED lighting & occupancy sensors
  - Solar PV systems & renewable energy
  - HVAC upgrades & optimization
  - Variable frequency drives
- **Waste**
  - E-waste collection events
  - Paper use reduction
  - Food scrap diversion/composting
  - Construction & demolition recycling
- **Water**
  - Low-flow water fixtures
  - Rainwater capture & reuse
  - Bioswales
- **Fuel**
  - Compressed natural gas vehicles
  - Anti-idling technology/policies

Every year we receive an amazing variety of project descriptions from Governor’s Award applicants. We encourage applicants to track the various cost savings and environmental outcomes that result from their efforts. Our judges will often conduct site visits to verify project achievements.

- **668 million** gallons of water usage reduced
- **52,225 MWh** of electricity reduced
- **13,533 tons** of non-hazardous solid waste reduced
- **44,216 tons** of material recycled
- **114,928** equivalent metric tons of CO₂ avoided
- **$7.6 million** annual savings

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