### Clean Air Award

Nominate Your Facility

# Why should **Building Owners** seek a **Clean Air Award** for their facility?

NAFA members believe that #CleanAirMatters.

There has never been a more critical time to focus on indoor air pollutants, airborne illness, and air quality in the built environment. Threats to air quality, like a pandemic or wildfires, negatively affect a building's occupancy and bottom line.

Building owners, facility managers and business owners learned that running a "healthy building" encourages a more pleasant and productive work environment, which brings occupants back into the office and promotes a healthy bottom line. Improved Commercial Office Spaces charge 4% - 8% more per square foot for upgraded systems\*

NAFA encourages building and facility executives to seek a Clean Air Award by auditing their current HVAC systems and procedures and improving their air filtration by following NAFA's best practice guidelines. In the same way, a building may seek green and sustainable building practices such as LEED and Fitwel® to create healthy, more productive workplaces.

Learn more at www.cleanairaward.org

### How to earn a Clean Air Award for your facility?

The easiest way to earn a Clean Air Award is first to find a NAFA Distributor Member or Certified Air Filter Specialist in your area to guide you through the Clean Air Award nomination process:

- The process includes auditing your current HVAC system and procedures to identify opportunities to improve efficiency, following NAFA's best practice guidelines.
- Make the desired repairs or upgrades to equipment or filtration to improve maintenance practices where appropriate.
- Provide invoice/photo proof of completion of stated clean air updates per the scorecard.
- The NAFA Member will help you complete the nomination form and process it on your behalf with the NAFA Clean Air Awards Committee for review.



## Do you qualify for a Clean Air Award now, or do you need to make some improvements?

Walk through your facility with your facility personnel and perform this self-assessment.

To be considered for the Clean Air Award, each nominee must earn a minimum of 62 points using the criteria set forth in this document. In addition to achieving the minimum point requirement, nominations will be judged on their due diligence in providing a clean and healthy environment, use of best practice filtration technology, and the results/benefits must be clearly stated. Filters must be installed in nominated facilities in order to qualify or apply for the Clean Air Award.

Once you know your total, reach out to a NAFA Member or Certified Air Filter Specialist at <a href="https://www.cleanairaward.org">www.cleanairaward.org</a>.

#### Self Check-up: Is your facility eligible? Enter points according to the criteria.

	POINTS
<b>MERV number of filters.</b> Minimum of MERV 8. One point per MERV number (e.g.: MERV 8 = 8 points; MERV 16 = 16 points, etc.). <b>Points (8-16)</b>	
<b>Gaskets.</b> Installed to prevent air bypass (doors, channels, between filters, etc.). Enter the number of points. <b>(10)</b>	
Filter Monitoring Devices. i.e., pressure gauges. Installed and functional. (10)	
<b>Filter change record.</b> Up-to-date showing size, number and frequency for all HVAC units. Enter the number of points. <b>(10)</b>	
<b>Installed products from NAFA Manufacturer.</b> Installed filters utilize air filters or air filtration related products that are manufactured or produced by a NAFA Manufacturing Member. Enter the number of points. <b>(10)</b>	
System Duct Cleaning. System duct cleaning done within last 3 years. (6)	
System Improvements. Coil cleaning (6 pts); within last two years, OR, UVC Systems (10 pts) installed in air systems, OR IAQ Testing (6 pts) within previous 12 months, OR, Gas Phase Filtration (10 pts) Installed and changed on a schedule. Maximum of 10 points for this category.	
<b>System filter upgrade.</b> Within preceding 12 months by a NAFA Certified Air Filter Specialist (CAFS). Enter the number of points. <b>(10)</b>	
<b>NAFA Certified Technician</b> on recipient's staff or yearly filter service contract by a third party NAFA Certified Technician service crew. Enter the number of points. <b>(10)</b>	
Total Points (Minimum of 62 points to qualify for a Clean Air Award)	