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## **Ashland Inc. Dublin campus earns ENERGY STAR\* Award**

DUBLIN, Ohio – Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH) is proud to announce that two buildings on its Dublin campus, located at 5200 Blazer Parkway, have been given the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) ENERGY STAR\* Award. Both buildings house administrative offices for Ashland.

"The EPA's ENERGY STAR recognition for our buildings is the validation of two decades' worth of work towards better sustainability. We are very proud to receive this recognition," said Michael Cornett, Ashland's director of facility services.

The ENERGY STAR award is given to buildings that perform in the top 25 percent of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency. Commercial buildings that can earn the ENERGY STAR include offices, bank branches, financial centers, retail stores, courthouses, hospitals, hotels, K-12 schools, medical offices, supermarkets, dormitories, houses of worship, and warehouses.

Buildings are evaluated in multiple energy efficiency categories and given an energy performance rating. A building that scores a 75 or higher on EPA's 1-100 scale is eligible for ENERGY STAR designation. The buildings received scores of 98 and 88 out of 100. The two buildings will receive an ENERGY STAR and certificate, and be added to the online registry.

Ashland has set up multiple energy conservation initiatives within the entire organization, such as water and electricity reduction, energy incentive programs and other sustainability programs. Ashland is committed to continuing the "green" movement at the Dublin campus. There are approximately 1,200 employees who work in the two buildings.

"In the early 1990s, Ashland's Office and Building Services (OB&S) department began many efforts to reduce energy usage and improve sustainability on the Dublin campus," said Cornett. "Energy efficient lighting, high efficiency equipment and better building controls are just a few examples of these improvements in the past two decades."

The O&BS department has also partnered the Dublin campus with a network of local companies to participate in a voluntary electrical curtailment program. The goal of the program is to reduce the demand on the electrical grid during peak-use crises. For more information about ENERGY STAR, visit [www.energystar.gov/buildings](http://www.energystar.gov/buildings).

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