



## **Bentley Joins U.S. Department of Energy for Better Plants Challenge**

### ***Commercial Carpet Manufacturer Recognized for Meeting Energy Efficiency Targets***

CITY OF INDUSTRY, Calif. (October 14, 2015) – Environmental responsibility has long been a cornerstone of [Bentley Mills'](#) (Bentley) mission to manufacture high performance, high style sustainable carpet products. California's leading commercial carpet manufacturer and a partner in the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Better Buildings, Better Plants Program ([Better Plants](#)), Bentley is one of nine manufacturers recently recognized by the DOE for its energy savings accomplishments, according to the DOE's [Fall Progress Update report](#).

"Bentley's sustainability program is rooted in a strong culture of environmental stewardship and social responsibility," said Maya Henderson, sustainability manager for Bentley. "Each day we work to meet a challenge – not only to provide quality carpet products, but to also take innovative steps to aid in the resiliency of the built environment and regeneration of the natural world."

After joining the Better Plants initiative in 2010, Bentley pledged to improve energy intensity by 25 percent at its California carpet mill by 2020. It successfully realized this reduction in 2014 – six years ahead of schedule. But Bentley isn't stopping there. The company recently signed on for the Better Plants Challenge, setting a new goal to achieve an additional 25 percent improvement in energy intensity over the next 10 years while also pledging to be transparent in its energy performance data and energy-efficiency solutions.

"As part of the Better Plants Challenge, Bentley continues to demonstrate its environmental leadership by agreeing to showcase an energy efficiency project and implementing a plan to achieve lasting energy savings," added Henderson. "Our partnership with the DOE calls for a high level of transparency to assist the broader market in the implementation of best practices that will continue to foster energy improvements nationwide."

Manufacturers in the Better Buildings, Better Plants Program – including Bentley – have racked up an estimated \$2.4 billion in cumulative energy cost savings over the last five years, according to a DOE [announcement](#) issued early this month to kick off National Energy Action Month.

For more information about Bentley's Better Plants goals, see the company's full profile at: <http://betterbuildingssolutioncenter.energy.gov/partners/bentley-mills>.

#### **About Bentley**

For more than 30 years, Bentley Mills, Inc. has defined design, color, quality, and customer service in the commercial carpet industry. As the largest carpet design and manufacturer in California, and the first and only U.S. carpet manufacturing facility to be LEED® Certified, Bentley is proud to be consistently recognized for our eco-conscious philosophy and sustainable commerce. For more information, contact Bentley at 800.423.4709 or visit us at [bentleymills.com](http://bentleymills.com).

#### **About Better Buildings, Better Plants**

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The DOE initiative is designed to improve the lives of the American people by driving leadership in energy innovation. Through its Better Buildings, Better Plants Program, DOE partners with leaders in the public and private sectors to make the nation's homes, commercial buildings and industrial plants more energy efficient by accelerating investment and sharing of successful best practices.

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