



**GLOBAL LEAP AWARDS  
2020 ELECTRIC PRESSURE COOKER COMPETITION  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

## **Background**

The Global Lighting and Energy Access Partnership (“[Global LEAP](#)”) Awards (“Global LEAP Awards”) uses a competition-based approach to drive innovation in early stage technologies suitable for underserved markets, including off- and weak-grid areas, while building valuable technical and commercial market infrastructure. The Global LEAP Awards is an initiative of the [Efficiency for Access Coalition](#).

Electric cooking (e-cooking) technology offers an alternative to biomass cookstoves while presenting a long-term solution to cooking fuel-driven environmental degradation and a viable path towards total eradication of indoor air pollution. Electric pressure cookers (EPC)<sup>i</sup> in particular, use a fraction of the energy required to power other types of e-cooking technologies to quickly and conveniently cook dishes traditionally consumed in off-grid communities. However, very few EPCs are sold to consumers in off-and weak-grid markets, due partly to a lack of consistent and comparable performance data necessary for market stakeholders make informed procurement and distribution decisions. The 2020 Global LEAP Awards Electric Pressure Cooker Competition (“Competition”) is designed to fill this critical gap in market intelligence.

The Competition is implemented through the [Efficiency for Access Coalition](#) with support from the U.K. Department for International Development (UK Aid)’s Low Energy Inclusive Appliances programme (LEIA) and Modern Energy Cooking Solutions (MECS) programme. Collaborative Labeling and Appliance Standard Program (“CLASP”) serves as the Operating Agent and Administrator (“Administrator”) of the Global LEAP Awards.

Companies that participate in the Global LEAP Awards are subject to these Terms and Conditions (“Terms and Conditions”). Violations of, or a failure to abide by, these Terms and Conditions may disqualify a participant from the Competition at the sole discretion of the Administrator.

## **Quick Overview**

The following table provides a summary of key information contained in this document. Detailed information about each of these questions is contained in the body of the document below.

<b><i>Who is eligible to participate in the 2020 Global LEAP Awards Electric Pressure Cooker Competition?</i></b>	All manufacturers, suppliers, product designers, or distributors of commercially available electric pressure cookers are eligible to participate in the 2020 Global LEAP Awards Off-Grid Electric Pressure Cooker Competition.
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<p><b><i>Do you only accept DC products?</i></b></p>	<p>All Global LEAP Awards competitions accept both AC and DC products.</p>
<p><b><i>What are the benefits of participating?</i></b></p>	<p><b>Cash Prizes:</b> Subject to additional terms and conditions, up to \$200,000 USD prize money will be available for winning product(s) based on innovation as demonstrated during laboratory and user experience testing as described below.</p> <p><b>Global Recognition:</b> The Global LEAP Awards is a trusted global brand. A Buyer’s Guide is published at the end of each Global LEAP Awards competition that serves as the de facto source of accurate, actionable information about the quality and energy performance of off- and weak-grid appliances (<a href="#">see here for an example</a>).</p> <p>Winners and Finalists in the Global LEAP EPC Competition will be featured in the <b>2020 Global LEAP Electric Pressure Cooker Buyer’s Guide</b>, which is the only third-party source of market intelligence about EPC technical performance, quality, and energy efficiency.</p>
<p><b><i>Previous rounds of the Global LEAP Awards included a link to results-based financing (RBF) for procurement. Is that available for this round?</i></b></p>	<p>As of the date that this document was published, no RBF funds are secured to support EPC procurement. However, the Administrator anticipates RBF funds may become available in the future. Eligibility for any such funds will be contingent upon participation in the 2020 Global LEAP Awards EPC Competition or later completion of the Global LEAP EPC testing process.</p>
<p><b><i>When do nominations open?</i></b></p>	<p>28 January 2020. Note that the timeline for this Competition, and all milestone dates set out herein, are subject to change. See Section 10 below.</p>
<p><b><i>When do nominations close?</i></b></p>	<p>27 March 2020</p>
<p><b><i>How will products be tested?</i></b></p>	<p>Testing will take place in a third-party laboratory and will be conducted according to the forthcoming Global LEAP Electric Pressure Cooker Test Method.</p>
<p><b><i>Is there a fee to participate?</i></b></p>	<p>Nominations are free and can be easily submitted online.</p> <p>The Global LEAP Awards program will subsidize the full laboratory testing fee and a partial product shipping fee. The program will reimburse Nominators’ shipping costs up to \$300 USD upon submission of receipts. The Administrator reserves the right to withhold reimbursement based on any receipt inconsistencies.</p>

<b>Who should I contact with additional questions?</b>	<a href="mailto:info@GlobalLEAPawards.org">info@GlobalLEAPawards.org</a>
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**About the 2020 Global LEAP Awards Electric Pressure Cooker Competition**

The first Global LEAP Awards Electric Pressure Cooker Competition will recognize high-quality, energy-efficient, and affordable electric pressure cookers that are appropriate for use with are compatible with off-grid energy systems, such as standalone DC solar home systems and renewable mini- or micro-grids [AC or DC], and in weak-grid contexts, where grid connections are intermittent and of inconsistent quality.

Further details about eligibility requirements, nomination procedures, the evaluation process, and benefits to participants are provided in these Terms and Conditions.

**Eligibility Requirements**

Products eligible for the Competition must meet all of the following criteria:

- (1) Commercially-available electric pressure cooker;
- (2) AC and/or DC powered;
- (3) Offers pressure cooking mode;
- (4) Be either:
  - a. intended for use on, and/or compatible with, off-grid energy systems (e.g., low-voltage DC systems, AC or DC mini- or micro-grids)<sup>ii</sup>
  - b. viable for use in weak-grid settings, defined as areas sporadic, low-quality grid connectivity, typically for less than half of the day
- (5) Fall into one of the following eight (8) categories (individually a “Category,” collectively, the “Categories”):

Capacity				
	1-4L	4-7L	7-10L	10L+
AC	Small AC	Medium AC	Large AC	Extra Large AC
DC	Small DC	Medium DC	Large DC	Extra Large DC

- (6) Include at least a one (1) year manufacturer warranty and OR other after sale support services, to cover parts and workmanship defects;
- (7) Be available for warehouse sampling upon nomination submission;
- (8) Be packaged and sold with safe operating instructions; and
- (9) Not knowingly be in violation of another’s intellectual property.

For purposes of the Global LEAP Awards, “commercially available” means that Nominators must be able to fulfill an order of no less than 100 units by 28 May 2020.

## Procedures

### 1. Nomination

Organizations that wish to nominate eligible EPCs (“Products”) for the Competition should do so using the online [nomination form](#). Nomination is free.

Entries may be submitted by Product manufacturers, suppliers, designers, or associated distributors (“Nominators”). In the case of nominations from suppliers, designers, or distributors, a supporting letter from the manufacturer that confirms their support for the Product nomination must be included with the submitted materials.

Nominators that are unable to submit the required form online or by email should contact the Administrator for an offline version. (The online and offline version of the nomination form shall be referred to herein as the “Nomination Form”) The Administrator can be contacted via email at [info@globalleapawards.org](mailto:info@globalleapawards.org) via fax at +1 (202) 750-5601, via phone at +1 (202) 750-5117, or via post at:

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United States of America

The nomination process for the Global LEAP Awards begins at 00:00:01 US EST on 28 January 2020. The deadline for receipt of all nominations is 23:59:59 US EST on 27 March 2020 (the “Nomination Deadline”).

All information on the Nomination Form must be completed or the nomination will be deemed void. Nomination Forms must be accompanied by: (i) a specification sheet that states the Product’s technical requirements, and relevant performance factors); (ii) an electronic or print copy of the Product user manual and/or safety instructions to end-users; (iii) a photograph of the Product; and (iv) official documentation of the Product’s warranty. Nominators agree to cooperate with the Administrator to supply other information regarding the Product requested by Administrator or the nomination will be deemed void. The Administrator shall have the right to place a nomination in another Category from the one selected by the Nominator at its discretion.

Nominators may submit more than one Product type or model, but a separate application package must accompany each nomination.

Fully completed Nomination Forms must be received in accordance with these Terms and Conditions by the Nomination Deadline to be eligible to win an award. All late or incomplete nominations will be deemed void and not eligible to enter or win. Administrator’s computer is the official time keeping device for the Global LEAP Awards. Early submissions are strongly encouraged. The Administrator will only accept the first properly completed nomination for any particular Product.

## **2. Conditions of Entry**

By submitting a nomination, all Nominators agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions. Participation in the Competition is at the sole and absolute discretion of the Administrator. All nominations and materials submitted in connection therewith shall become the sole property of Administrator and will not be returned. Nominators agree and acknowledge that the information submitted in or with Nomination Forms do not contain any confidential or trade secret information. Specific test results will be delivered to [Nominee].

Participants in the Global LEAP Awards may be added to Global LEAP, Efficiency for Access Coalition, UK Aid, and MECS mailing lists and contact databases, and may receive information on relevant activities. By submitting a nomination, all Nominators and [Nominees] agree to the inclusion of such information in such lists and databases, and to receive such information. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this paragraph shall constitute a waiver of any rights under applicable law.

Global LEAP, the Efficiency for Access Coalition, UK Aid, MECS, and the Administrator may use the winning and/or finalist Products for public information purposes and to promote the Global LEAP Awards via such media as websites, brochures, and events. By submitting a nomination, all Nominators and [Nominee]s consent to such use.

Global LEAP, Efficiency for Access, UK Aid, MECS, and the Administrator may make public any Product specifications provided in the Nomination Form (e.g., energy consumption, capacity) and data gathered through the Competition laboratory testing. By submitting a nomination, all Nominators and [Nominees] consent to such publication.

## **3. Pre-Screening & Notification**

The Administrator will pre-screen nominations and select "Preliminary Finalists" for each Category. This review will be based upon Product data as provided in the Nomination Form. All Products that meet the eligibility criteria listed above based on the information provided in the Nomination Form will be deemed Preliminary Finalists.

The Administrator will notify Nominators of pre-screening decisions by email on or before 3 April 2020. Products that pass the pre-screening process will be deemed Preliminary Finalists.

## **4. Product Sampling & Shipping**

Upon notification, Nominators of Preliminary Finalist Products must make a minimum of twenty (20) nominated Products available for random warehouse sampling at Nominator's product warehouse. The Administrator's designated sampling agent will randomly select two (2) of such nominated Products for testing. The samples will be packaged by the Administrator's sampling agent. Nominators are responsible for shipping these samples to the Administrator's designated laboratory for laboratory testing. The Global LEAP Awards program will subsidize a partial product shipping fee. The Administrator will reimburse participating company's shipping cost up to \$300 USD upon submission and verification of shipping receipts. The Administrator reserves the right to withhold reimbursement based on any receipt inconsistencies.

In the event that the foregoing sample acquisition process is not feasible, a Preliminary Finalist shall submit an alternative proposal to the Administrator for obtaining Product samples, which the Administrator may accept or reject in its sole discretion.

All sampling must be completed and samples must be received by the Administrator's designated test laboratory facility no later than **24 April 2020**, without exception.

## **5. Fees**

Nomination is free. The Administrator will subsidize the full laboratory testing fee and a partial product shipping fee. The program will reimburse participating company's shipping cost up to \$300 USD upon submission and verification of shipping receipts. The Administrator reserves the right to withhold reimbursement based on any receipt inconsistencies.

## **6. Laboratory Testing**

Preliminary Finalist Products will be evaluated based on the Global LEAP Electric Pressure Cooker Test Method using a combination of quantitative and qualitative factors, including but not limited to:

- Quantitative Factors
  - *Energy efficiency*
  - *Cooking speed (i.e., time to pressurization)*
  - *Temperature consistency*
- Qualitative Factors
  - *Safety*
  - *Durability*
  - *Design and Innovative Features/Functions*
  - *Warranty and Manuals*
  - *Truth in Advertising* <sup>iii</sup>

Additional details regarding the Global LEAP EPC Test Method will be provided by the Administrator and posted on the Competition's website as they become available. Inclusion of specific performance or qualitative factors in the Global LEAP EPC Test Method is at the sole discretion of the Administrator.

Product test results will be delivered to all Preliminary Finalists.

## **7. Usability Testing**

All Products that satisfactorily complete the laboratory testing will then undergo field-based usability testing to evaluate Products' design and technical performance in a real-world setting. Field testing will take place in Nairobi, Kenya in East Africa.

Usability testing will be conducted according to a separate and forthcoming test protocol, and will be subject to additional terms and conditions. The Administrator will provide further information about this process as it becomes available.

Samples will be shipped by the Administrator from the test laboratory to field test sites.

## Winner Selection

### Size and Form Factor Categories:

Size and form factor category winners will be determined based on the results of the laboratory testing process. Each of the Competition's Preliminary Finalists is eligible to be awarded up to 100 points based on the following:

- Laboratory Testing: Testing of Products' power consumption and cooking performance, and certain safety, quality, and durability factors, will be conducted according to the Global LEAP EPC Test Method, a method developed referencing internationally-accepted test standards.<sup>iv</sup>
- Expert Assessment: A panel of Expert Judges<sup>v</sup> will also evaluate quality and design factors (e.g. options and functionality, look and feel of Product, packaging and instructions), based on data provided in the nominations and gathered through Laboratory Testing -- as well as affordability. The panel of Expert Judges will include technical, development, and industry and market experts, and may include representatives from the donor agencies supporting the Competition.

Winners will be determined in the following way:

- Total points will be awarded based on a combination of a formulaic assessment that captures the quantitative factors and the average assessment of the Expert Judges. The formulaic assessment will represent an index of the critical cooking factors relevant to EPC users, including cooking quality and speed, safety, durability, energy performance, and design and usability features, among others. The total score will be determined for each Product relative to other Products in the same Category.
- Products may earn "extra credit" points based on the duration of the warranty.
- All methodologies used to award points shall be applied uniformly with respect to all Finalist Products.

The Product in each Category that earns the most points will be declared the "Winner" of its Category. In the event of a tie, a category will have multiple Winners with each of the Products that earned the highest amount of points will be declared a Winner. All Preliminary Finalists other than the Winners shall be referred to as "Finalists". The Administrator reserves the right to exclude from all Competition promotions any Preliminary Finalist Product that fails or performs poorly in the Laboratory Testing and/or Expert Assessment.

### Innovation Cash Prize:

Two \$50,000 Innovation Cash Prizes will be awarded to Products that demonstrate market-leading efficiency based on results of the laboratory testing process. Detailed criteria for the selection of the winners will be made available as soon as the full Global LEAP EPC Test Method is complete.

The additional \$100,000 Innovation Cash Prize purse will be awarded based on the results of the usability testing process. Winner selection criteria for this prize purse will be made available as soon as the usability test protocols are complete.

All decisions rendered by the Global LEAP Awards Expert Judges or Administrator are final.

Should no nominated Product in a given Category satisfy the stated requirements, the Administrator reserves the right to not name a Winner or Winners in that Category.

Should the Administrator discover that reliable comparisons of products across the Competition's Categories is not possible, the Administrator reserves the right to strike or redefine those Categories, or create new Categories. In such event, the Administrator will give notice to all Nominators, and Nominators will have ten (10) calendar days from the date of such notice to request a recategorization of its nomination.

Product test results will be delivered to the Preliminary Finalists after the announcement of Competition results. Test results may be used by the Administrator for market intelligence reporting. The Nominator will remain the owner of all intellectual property related to the Product, its technology, and/or its design, as applicable, with the exception of the following: (1) declared performance data and product technical specifications submitted with a Product's nomination and (2) test results generated through lab-testing process.

#### **Benefits to Global LEAP Awards Winners and Finalists**

The manufacturers of Winners and Finalists will receive the right to use a Global LEAP Awards logo and phrase (the "Global LEAP Awards IP") in marketing materials for the Product in accordance with these Terms and Conditions.

*All Global LEAP Winners and Finalists will be eligible for the following:*

1. A Global LEAP-sponsored communications campaign will be launched in conjunction with the awards to publicize the Winners and Finalists in the Competition and raise consumer awareness about high-quality and energy-efficient off-grid refrigeration. Among other efforts, Global LEAP will distribute information about Winners and Finalists to off-grid industry leaders and procurement officials.
2. Consideration for investment by the Efficiency for Access Coalition Investor Network, a group of leading energy access impact investors.
3. Up to \$200,000 USD innovation cash prize money.

#### **8. Timeline**

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Due Date and/or Timeline</b>
Nominations	Nominations Open	28 January 2020
	Nominations Close	27 March 2020
Pre-Screening	All Nominators Notified of Preliminary Finalist Status	3 April 2020

Product Sampling	Date By Which Random Warehouse Sampling Must Be Completed	17 April 2020
Testing & Verification of Awards Finalists	Laboratory Testing Begins	20 April 2020
	All Samples Received by Test Laboratory	24 April 2020
Awards Announcement and Promotions	Testing and Evaluation Concludes Competition Winners & Finalists Named	July 2020

Please note that the timeline above is subject to change due to constraints in shipping products to laboratory and other considerations. All preliminary finalists will be notified of changes, if necessary.

A separate timeline for usability testing will be provided to Participant as soon as the dates are final.

## 9. Competition Contact Information

For both general and specific inquiries about the Global LEAP Awards contact the Administrator: [info@GlobalLEAPawards.org](mailto:info@GlobalLEAPawards.org).

## Additional Terms and Conditions

### 1. Excluded List Screening

The Administrator will conduct a responsibility determination before designating Winners and Finalists to ensure that any award meets applicable laws, including regulations administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the US Department of Treasury. For more information see OFAC website: <http://www.ustreas.gov/ofac>.

### 2. Award Restrictions

Nominators and [Nominee]s agree not to challenge or seek to register any intellectual property associated with the Global LEAP Awards Competition. Winners and Finalists will be granted a limited personal license to use the Global LEAP Awards IP to advertise and promote the award or finalist status granted to the specific model of their Product for one year from the date of the announcement of the Winners. All use of the Global LEAP Awards IP must be in compliance with the guidelines published by Administrator that will be provided to Winners at a later date. Nominators, Nominee(s), Winners and Finalists agree not to use the Global LEAP Awards IP or make any mention of winning an award that is not consistent with these Terms and Conditions, and to immediately cease all inconsistent use upon notice by Administrator. Winners and Finalists may only promote that an award pertains to the specific Product model winning an award, may not state or imply that the award applies to other product models of a Winner or Finalist, and must clearly state whether the Product was a Finalist or Winner. Winners and Finalists may not use the Global LEAP Awards IP to state or imply that the Administrator or any other entity or person associated with the Competition endorse or are affiliated with the Winner or Finalist or its Products.

### **3. Publicity**

Except where and as may be prohibited by law, participation in the Global LEAP Awards constitutes express permission of a [Nominee] and Nominator for the Administrator (and those acting pursuant to the authority of the Administrator) to use each Nominator's and [Nominee]'s name, logo, trademark and nomination for the Global LEAP Awards for advertising, trade, and publicity purposes for the Global LEAP program and the Competition in all forms of media now known or hereafter discovered or devised, worldwide, in perpetuity, without further notice, review or approval, or compensation. Subject to the permissions granted in these Terms and Conditions, [Nominee]s and/or Nominators, as applicable, shall retain all rights, title and interests in and to the intellectual property in their Products.

### **4. General Conditions**

By participating in the Competition, each Nominator and [Nominee] fully and unconditionally agrees to and accepts these Terms and Conditions and the decisions of the Administrator, which are final and binding in all respects. By participating in the Competition, each Nominator and [Nominee] waives any right to claim ambiguity in these Terms and Conditions. A [Nominee] is not a Winner or Finalist unless and until it has fully complied with these Terms and Conditions. The Administrator reserves the right to adjust, strike, or redefine any of these Terms and Conditions at any time and for any reason, and shall give prompt notice thereof to all Nominators, and Nominators will have five (5) business days from the date of such notice to withdraw from the competition. In the event of such withdrawal, Nominators will not be entitled to the refund or payment of any costs incurred or any other expense, and shall not be entitled to receive back any samples of Products submitted for consideration. The Administrator reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify, extend, or suspend the Global LEAP Awards (in whole or in part) should non-authorized intervention, fraud, or other causes corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, or proper conduct of the Global LEAP Awards. In such case, the Administrator may name Winners from all eligible nominations received for the Global LEAP Awards prior to and/or after (if appropriate) the action taken by Administrator or via some other means determined by Administrator in its sole and absolute discretion to be fair, appropriate and consistent with these Terms and Conditions. Awards may not be given if in the Administrator's sole discretion, an insufficient number of nominations were received in a Category. [In its sole discretion, the Administrator may award more than one Winner in a Category. The Administrator anticipates that all Winners will be announced in June 2020. Administrator reserves the right to disqualify any Product if it determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, that the Product's Nominator and/or [Nominee] is or is attempting or intending to: (a) tamper with any aspect of the operation of the Competition, (b) defraud the Global LEAP Awards, (c) undermine the legitimate operation of the Global LEAP Awards, its sponsors, its partners, or the Administrator by cheating, deception, or other unfair playing practices, (d) annoy, abuse, threaten, or harass any other participants, the Administrator, or representatives of Global LEAP, or (e) act in violation of these Terms and Conditions. In such event, the Administrator reserves the right (in addition to disqualification of such Product) to seek damages from any such [Nominee] and/or Nominator to the fullest extent permitted by law. The Administrator's failure to enforce any provision of these Terms and Conditions shall not constitute a waiver of that provision. Any entity that enters the Global LEAP Awards through means not permitted by these Terms and Conditions is subject to disqualification. The Administrator is not required to respond to questions about the Global LEAP Awards. The preemption, cancellation, or rescheduling of the Global LEAP Awards, shall be excused to the extent that performance of the Competition is rendered impossible or commercially unreasonable by strike, fire, flood, hurricane, earthquakes, other natural

disaster, governmental acts or orders or restrictions, or any other reason beyond the Administrator's reasonable control.

## **5. General Release and Waiver of Claims**

By entering the Global LEAP Awards, each [Nominee] and Nominator hereby indemnifies, defends, and holds harmless the Administrator, Global LEAP, and all of their respective parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, advertising agencies, and all of their respective directors, officers, governors, employees, shareholders, and agents (collectively, the "Releasees") from any and all liability, loss, harm, damage, cost (including but not limited to reasonable counsel fees and court costs), expense, or claims, including arising from third party claims based on: (i) publicity and/or privacy rights, defamation, and intellectual property associated with the Nominator's participation in the Global LEAP Awards; (ii) any award associated with the Global LEAP Awards; (iii) the administration of the Competition; (iv) the use, collection, or release of any and all testing data, and/or use or misuse of any award in connection with the Global LEAP Awards, and (v) anything that may occur in connection with acceptance and/or use of the award or while participating in the Global LEAP Awards, even if caused or contributed to by the negligence of Releasees.

## **6. Limitations of Liability**

Neither Administrator's nor any other Releasee is responsible for lost, late, incomplete, stolen, misdirected, illegible, erroneous or incomplete Nomination Forms. Neither Administrator nor any other Releasee is responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, and neither Administrator nor any Releasee assumes responsibility for any error, omission, defect, theft, destruction, or unauthorized access to the samples, materials or Products related to the Global LEAP Awards, or for any damage to any Sample or Product. Any use of robotic, macro, automatic, programmed or like entry methods will void all such entries by such methods. No responsibility is assumed by the Administrator for publication or dissemination of any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by Releasees, Nominators, website users, testing organizations, tampering, hacking, Product testing or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Global LEAP Awards; and none of the Releasees assume any responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation of the Global LEAP Awards. IN NO EVENT WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR OR ANY RELEASEE BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY INJURIES, CLAIMS, ACTIONS, DAMAGES, LOSSES, OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES RESULTING FROM OR ARISING FROM PARTICIPATION IN, OR ADMINISTRATION OF, THE GLOBAL LEAP AWARDS, OR ACCEPTANCE, POSSESSION, USE, MISUSE, OR NONUSE OF AN AWARD. WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, ALL AWARDS AND THE GLOBAL LEAP AWARDS ARE PROVIDED "AS IS" WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR NON-INFRINGEMENT. SOME JURISDICTIONS MAY NOT ALLOW THE LIMITATIONS OR EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OR EXCLUSION OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES, SO SOME OF THE ABOVE LIMITATIONS OR EXCLUSIONS MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. CHECK YOUR LOCAL LAWS FOR ANY RESTRICTIONS OR LIMITATIONS REGARDING THESE LIMITATIONS OR EXCLUSIONS. ANY ATTEMPT BY A [NOMINEE] OR NOMINATOR OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL TO DELIBERATELY UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THE GLOBAL LEAP AWARDS MAY BE A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS, AND SHOULD ANY SUCH ATTEMPT BE MADE, THE ADMINISTRATOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES FROM ANY SUCH PERSON OR ENTITY TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

## 7. Choice of Law

Nominators agree that: (1) any and all disputes, claims, and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Global LEAP Awards, or any award, or the determination of the Winners, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action; (2) any and all claims, judgments, and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, including costs associated with entering this Global LEAP Awards but in no event attorneys' fees. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation, and enforceability of these Terms and Conditions, or the rights and obligations of [Nominee] and/or Nominator and/or Administrator in connection with the Global LEAP Awards, shall be governed by, and construed solely and exclusively in accordance with, the laws of the District of Columbia, United States of America, without regard to its conflicts of law doctrine, and all proceedings shall exclusively take place in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. [Nominee] agrees to the exclusive jurisdiction of such court and waives any right to change of venue or any like right.

## 8. Copy of Winner's List

For a list of Winners visit the website of the Administrator located at [globalLEAPawards.org](http://globalLEAPawards.org).

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<sup>i</sup> Electric-powered cookware with an integrated heating source and a removable lid designed specifically for cooking food with water or steam under pressure.

<sup>ii</sup> Eligible Products intended for the solar home system market should be designed to function safely and effectively within the voltage swings that are common in solar-charged, battery-based distributed energy systems. The Administrator anticipates that most Products will be designed for either a nominal 12V DC application (for solar home systems) or a nominal 110-220 Vac (for mini- and micro-grids), but other voltages are eligible.

<sup>iii</sup> "Truth in advertising" refers to a product's tested performance versus specified or claimed performance on key performance metrics (e.g., power consumption). Products that badly violate "truth in advertising" norms (e.g. specified or claimed performance significantly overstates actual performance) may be excluded from the program.

<sup>iv</sup> Referenced test methods include IEC 61817 (1:2004) - Household portable appliances for cooking, grilling and similar use – Methods for measuring performance; IEC 60335-2-15 - Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-15: Particular requirements for appliances for heating liquids; BS EN 12778:2002- British Standard: Cookware – Pressure cookers for domestic use; Water Boiling Test v. 4.2.3 (March 2014, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves); Cookstove Durability Protocol (March 2014, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves); and Biomass Stove Safety Protocol Guidelines (Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves).

<sup>v</sup> The panel of Expert Judges will include technical, development, and off-grid industry and market experts, and may include representatives from the donor agencies supporting the Competition (i.e UK Aid, MECS). Expert Judges will not have personal or financial interests in, or be an employee, officer, director, or agent of any entity that is participating in the competition