The Konica Minolta bizhub 363 earned a BLI “Outstanding Achievement” award for “Energy Efficiency” for its lower than average energy consumption in BLI’s real-world environmental job stream test. When compared with competitive ledger-size units in its class, the bizhub 363 exhibited the lowest to among the lowest energy consumption rates in its non-running modes.

But users of the bizhub 363 benefit from more than just its energy savings. Through Konica Minolta’s cartridge return program, customers can send depleted cartridges to the manufacturer via a prepaid label. Additional environmentally beneficial product features include automatic duplexing, job review, proof and N-up modes in copy and print modes, and toner-save mode in print mode—all of which help to reduce waste generation and consumable consumption. “In addition to its excellent performance over the competitive average, the bizhub 363 also narrowly beat out its predecessor, the bizhub 362, by nearly 25 kWh annually,” noted BLI Assistant Managing Editor Lynn Nannariello. “If Konica Minolta maintains this trend, there’s no telling how low energy consumption of its next line will be.” What’s more, the bizhub 363’s outstanding energy efficiency does not come at the cost of productivity. In fact, its recovery time is the fastest of competitive models tested in all non-running modes (idle, energy-save and sleep modes).

BLI’s environmental test reports measure the energy consumed by document imaging products in all operating modes as well as in energy-save, idle and sleep modes. In addition to reporting on a range of environment-related features, such as runnability with various grades of recycled paper and toner yield, the reports include projected annual energy consumption and cost based on real-world usage scenarios for each product category.
About BLI’s Picks

Twice a year with its “Pick” awards, BLI gives special recognition in each category to those products that provided the most outstanding performances in BLI’s exhaustive lab tests. Its “Outstanding Achievement” awards acknowledge products or capabilities that stand out for attributes such as innovation, usefulness, energy efficiency or value.

BLI’s awards stand alone in that they are based on a rigorous battery of lab tests that takes approximately two months to complete. The evaluation includes an extensive durability test, during a portion of which each unit is run at the manufacturer’s maximum duty cycle. BLI’s durability test is unique among office product evaluations and uniquely qualifies BLI to assess reliability, a critical factor for buyers and IT directors.

Other performance attributes evaluated include ease of use, media handling, productivity and value, among others. Each product that successfully passes BLI’s lab test earns BLI’s “Recommended” or “Highly Recommended” seal and a BLI “Certificate of Reliability” and qualifies as a “Pick” award contender. Consequently, BLI “Pick” awards are hard-earned awards that buyers and IT directors can trust to better guide them in their acquisition decisions.