



## NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

### Leadership Awards

[USGBC National Capital Region](#) (USGBC-NCR) is working to make healthy, sustainable buildings a reality for the people of the greater Washington, DC, metropolitan area within a generation. We serve the District of Columbia, Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland and northern Virginia, including the following counties: Frederick, Loudon, Shenandoah, Prince William, Stafford, Fairfax, and Arlington.

Excellence in sustainability and support of the USGBC-NCR community extends beyond building projects and rating systems. Because of this, USGBC-NCR offers our Leadership Awards. These Awards recognize organizations and individuals for projects and activities completed between June 1, 2016, and May 31, 2017.

**Submissions are due Tuesday, June 6, 2017 by 5:00 pm EST.**

### Leadership Awards and their Submission and Judging Criteria

#### Leadership in Advancing Health and Wellness in the Built Environment

Building professionals, planning and landscape professionals, healthcare practitioners, and others who are working to educate the public, implement evidence based design, research, or otherwise advance awareness and implementation of standards, principles, or policies that improve human health and well-being through the built environment are eligible for this award. Built projects which highlight and embody these principles in an integral, multi-dimensional, and forward-thinking way are also eligible to submit.

Applicants for this award will either be organizations in the USGBC-NCR region who are currently partners at the time of award submission (at least the Community Partner level) or individuals in the USGBC-NCR region who are a USGBC-NCR Members at the time of submission.

#### Submission Format

Projects should be submitted as PDFs, no more than (3) pages in length.

#### Leadership in Government, Advocacy, or Policy

Advocacy plays an important role in who we are and what we do. We believe that the green building movement has the power to change the way we live today and the ability to transform the legacy we leave tomorrow. Successful, game-changing advocacy starts at the local level. Applicants for this award will have worked to bring about real and meaningful change through local codes, the use of LEED in more communities, the construction of green schools, the collection of key building performance data and in many other areas where green building approaches are established and successfully implemented in the USGBC-NCR area. Applicants

should demonstrate, in their application, their contributions in one or more of the following areas between June 1, 2016, and May 31, 2017.

- Leadership with LEED – encouraging the use of LEED rating systems by their incorporation into public policies, and/or providing incentives and rewards that reflect the outcomes the policy intends to yield.
- Improving Energy Data Access – directly engaging with local utilities and state regulatory commissions to facilitate greater data accessibility; advancing federal, state and local policies and programs that promote data accessibility; educating federal agencies, administration officials, members of Congress, state regulatory commissioners and utilities on data accessibility best practices; or partnering with public policy groups and associations in the utility sector to further our mission.
- Mainstreaming Building Benchmarking – advancing for policies at the state and local levels that would require benchmarking performance data in commercial buildings.
- Greening our Schools – providing resources, education, training, or advocacy support for the adoption of greener building practices by K-12 schools serving lower-income families, under-resourced institutions and community colleges.
- Improving Housing – providing resources, education, training, or advocacy support for the adoption of greener building practices by housing finance authorities, public housing authorities and the projects that they fund.
- Building Better Codes – working in or with local, state, or federal building departments or agencies to adopt green codes, such as the International Green Construction Code, ASHRAE Standard 189.1, or similar.

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#### **Submission Format**

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#### **Leadership in Sustainable Business Practices**

Beyond the built environment, sustainability is advanced and supported by organizations which demonstrate an advanced commitment to sustainability in their ongoing business practices. USGBC-NCR would like to recognize businesses in our region which have demonstrated an unusually high, innovative, or influential level of commitment to sustainability throughout their business practice. These organizations may do exhaustive Corporate Sustainability Reporting, have an excellent GRESB assessment, infuse their mentorship programs or daily operations with sustainability education, training, or outreach, or will otherwise advance sustainability above, beyond, and outside of what would be necessary and expected for their primary business goals.

Applicants for this award will either be organizations in the USGBC-NCR region who are currently partners at the time of award submission (at at least the Community Partner level) or submitted by an individual in the USGBC-NCR region who is a USGBC-NCR Member at the time of submission.

## Submission Format and requirements

Projects should be submitted as PDFs, no more than (3) pages in length.

The Leadership in Sustainable Building Award also has a mandatory application fee of \$125.00. Payment must be remitted by the application deadline of June 6. To pay this fee, please visit [this site](#) and use the password *GreenWin17* to access the page.

## Volunteer Leadership Award - Member of the Year

The USGBC-NCR local community is small in staff, but is also a large organization capable of putting on many engaging, educational, fun and exciting events with the energy and commitment of our volunteers. We'd like to recognize our most energetic, engaged, and supportive individual local community members with an award for Member of the Year. Members who have made outstanding commitments through their personal time and energy, community connections, or other support to USGBC-NCR are candidates for this award. Individuals in the USGBC-NCR region who are active USGBC-NCR Members at the time of submission are eligible to submit for USGBC-NCR Member of the Year.

### Submission Format

Projects should be submitted as PDFs, no more than (2) pages in length.

*Judges' note: Awards may not be given in all categories if there are not submissions which meet, in the judging panel's opinion, the standard of excellence and innovation that the Leadership Awards are intended to recognize.*

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Winners will be announced at USGBC National Capital Region's signature event, [A Midsummer Night's Green](#), on July 20, 2017 at Arena Stage in Washington, D.C.

## APPLY

To apply for a Leadership Award, please complete [this form](#) before the deadline of Tuesday, June 6, at 5:00 pm EST. If you are submitting for multiple awards, you must submit a separate application form for each. Only fully completed forms will be considered. A PDF preview of the application is available on [this page](#) (select "Community Leader Awards" on the menu bar). Please note, the PDF version is for preview only. You must complete the online form for your submission to be received.

If you applied for a Leadership in Sustainable Business Practices Award, you can pay the \$125 application fee by visiting [this website](#) and using the password *GreenWin17* to access the page. The fee must be submitted by the June 6 deadline for projects to be considered.

Please address questions to [info@usgbcncr.org](mailto:info@usgbcncr.org).