

Leadership Awards

Excellence in sustainability and support of the USGBC-NCR community extends beyond building projects and rating systems. Because of this, the USGBC-NCR offers the following 4 categories of additional Community Leader Awards.

Excellence 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.

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 individuals in the USGBC-NCR region who are active USGBC local community members at the time of submission.

Excellence 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. Applicants should demonstrate, in their application, their contributions in one or more of the following areas:

- 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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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. The 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.

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Volunteer Leadership Award - Member of the Year

The USGBC-NCR chapter 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 members with an award for USGBC-NCR Community Member of the Year. Members who have made outstanding commitments through their personnel 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 local USGBC community members at the time of submission are eligible to submit for the USGBC-NCR Community Member of the Year.

Submission Information

Application deadline and fee

Applications are due Friday, June 1, 2018 by 5:00 pm EDT. There is no fee to apply for Leadership Awards.

Submission requirements

For all categories, applicants must complete [an online form](#). Application narratives should be submitted as PDFs, no more than (3) pages in length, and should address the nominee's qualifications depending on the award he or she is up for.

Presentation of the Awards

A third-party selection committee will conduct judging and the winners will be announced at USGBC National Capital Region's signature event, [A Midsummer Night's Green](#), which will take place in July 2018.

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 Awards are intended to recognize.

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