

USGBC NCR Leadership Awards

[The 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, the USGBC NCR offers the following 4 categories of additional Community Leader Awards:

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.

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 and civil society organizations in our region which have demonstrated an unusually high, innovative, or influential level of commitment to sustainability throughout their business practice—outside of that which could be perceived as their primary business or mission focus. These organizations may do exhaustive Corporate Sustainability Reporting, have an excellent GRESB assessment, pursue a net zero carbon campus, 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.

Categories for submission include:

- Small Business – Private businesses under \$5M in revenue
- Corporate – Private businesses over \$5M in revenue
- Non-profit/education – NGOs, K-12 schools, higher education institutions

Applicants for this award will either be organizations in the USGBC NCR region who are currently annual partners or members at the time of award submission, OR submitted by an individuals who have current USGBC NCR community membership at the time of submission.

Volunteer Leadership Award - Member of the Year

The USGBC NCR 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 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.

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 health impacts of the built environment, or otherwise advance awareness and implementation of standards, principles, or policies that improve human health and well-being in or through the built environment are eligible for this award.

Applicants for this award will be *individuals* who have current USGBC NCR membership at the time of submission.

Excellence in Government, Advocacy, or Policy

Advocacy plays an important role in who we are and what we do. Successful, game-changing advocacy starts at the local level. Applicants for this award can be either individuals or organizations that have worked to bring about real and meaningful change through local codes, positions in local government and enforcement bodies (city, county, HOAs, etc), work in or with local schools, the collection and meaningful utilization of key building performance data. Applicants should demonstrate, in their application, their substantial 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 general sustainability or health in the built environment – creating meaningful, substantive change in the policy or governance of local NCR communities to improve, or improve access to, the sustainability and health of the built environment.
- 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 buildings.
- Greening our Schools – providing resources, education, training, or advocacy support for the adoption of greener building practices by K-12 schools, particularly those 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.

Applicants for this award can be public or private organizations in the USGBC-NCR region, OR individuals who have current USGBC NCR community membership at the time of submission.

Submission Information

Application deadline and fee

Applications are due ~~Friday May 15~~ FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020 by 5:00 pm EDT. There is no fee to apply for Leadership Awards. Applicants for Sustainable Business Practices must choose a category this year for consideration.

Submission requirements

For all categories, applicants must complete [an online form](#). A PDF preview of the form is available on [this page](#) (click the link above the yellow Apply Now button). Please note, the PDF version is for preview only. You must complete the online form for your submission to be received. Application narratives should be submitted as PDFs, no more than (3) pages in length, and should address the nominee's relevant qualifications for the award applied 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 2020.

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