

# Sustainability Leadership Awards

Honoring people, organizations & companies  
transforming the built environment in Louisiana



## 2017 NOMINATION PACKET

Thank you for submitting a nomination for the Annual USGBC Louisiana Sustainability Leadership Awards. These awards recognize the people, organizations and companies who are transforming our state's built environment and communities into greener, healthier places to live, work and learn.

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OF NOMINATION

**Nominations are due April 24, 2017 by 5:00 PM CDT**

**Awards will be presented at the Sustainability Leadership Awards Luncheon at FORWARD on May 12, 2017**

- Nominees can be individuals, groups or companies (non-profit or for-profit). Nominees cannot be projects, buildings, or objects.
- Nominations can be self-nominations or those by a third party and are not required to be members of USGBC Louisiana.
- Nominees must have a clear relationship with Louisiana either through residence, major organizational presence, major company presence or headquarters.
- Nominations need to be submitted electronically as a single PDF to [info@usgbcloouisiana.org](mailto:info@usgbcloouisiana.org). Each nomination must include:
  1. Cover sheet that includes name, phone, email, and company of both nominator and nominee.
  2. A narrative summarizing the reason for the nomination, criteria used to support the nomination, and history of the nominee. Maximum length of 700 words.
  3. Options documentation which may include photos, graphics, letters of support, LEED project history, etc. Maximum file size including supporting documentation is 4 MB.
- There are no nomination fees for USGBC Louisiana chapter members (one free) and USGBC Louisiana Chapter Sponsors (up to three free). Nonmembers are required to submit \$75.00 per nomination. Go to [www.usgbcloouisiana.org](http://www.usgbcloouisiana.org) to make a submission.
- Awards will be given by the Chapter Board of Directors and/or a jury committee selected by the Board of Directors. Nominations in a category do not automatically mean that the award will be given in that category. Outstanding multiple nominations within any category may trigger subcategories of the awards in a given year.
- Judging criteria will be based on:
  1. Meeting the intent of the submitted category
  2. Exhibiting a transformative role in the built environment
  3. Achievement of defined goals and a clear vision of outcome
  4. Exemplifying innovation and creativity
  5. Demonstrating progressive sustainability methods
  6. Communicating a clear and compelling message
  7. Displaying dedication to professionalism and the sustainability movement
  8. Supporting documentation of the submission

**Nomination Categories (Please see following pages for category criteria.)**

***Community Champion, Community Championship Team, Innovation Champion,  
and Operational Excellence Champion.***



## **AWARD CRITERIA FOR COMMUNITY CHAMPION**

This award recognizes those individuals that exemplify leadership in giving back to our community through commitment of time, energy and passion to the built environment.

The intent of the Community Champion Award is to honor those that have committed a significant amount of time to improving our sustainable community by providing leadership by example and through action including, but not limited to:

- Providing leadership, educational outreach, consulting and / or financial assistance to social entrepreneurs who are transforming the local built environment
- Providing leadership, educational outreach, consulting and / or financial assistance to help individuals, groups and organizations become leaders and champions of sustainability
- Supporting and helping launch ideas, projects and initiatives that promote sustainable practices and attempt to address the challenges of the sustainability movement
- Providing social networks and opportunities to recognize and promote the efforts, actions and leadership of others to transform the built environment
- Supporting, encouraging and partnering with both local governmental authorities and / or private entities to promote sustainability
- Supporting, encouraging and partnering with local governments to adopt codes, ordinances and policies that promote green building practices, promote private sector innovation and provide uniform guidelines for the community at large
- Encouraging social responsibility and equality for all with regards to sustainable building and development

Reasons for the nomination should be clearly outlined and how the individual's goals were achieved. Discuss trade-offs and interactions to achieve the goals as well as lessons learned.

Discuss how the nominee has transformed the built environment, including the benefits to the community. Discuss whether the strategies used in this nomination are transferable to others.

Discuss measurements for sustainability of the nomination. Please describe metrics/indicators employed.



## **AWARD CRITERIA FOR COMMUNITY CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

This award recognizes those organizations and companies that exemplify leadership in giving back to our community through commitment of time, energy and passion to the built environment.

The criteria for this award are the same as above but are intended to honor organizations and companies instead of individuals.



## **AWARD CRITERIA FOR INNOVATION CHAMPION**

This award recognizes those individuals or organizations that exemplify leadership in transforming the built environment through the pioneering of new technologies and thinking forward to the needs of tomorrow.

The intent of the Innovation Award is to honor those that have creatively solved a sustainable building problem, which may include:

- Physical solution(s) to a green building challenge
- Financial solution(s) to a green building challenge
- Creative response to a regulatory limitation
- Outstanding construction method that solves a green building challenge

Discuss how the nominee has transformed the built environment, including whether the strategies used by this nominee are transferable to other opportunities in our state.

Discuss the measurables of the innovation. Please describe metrics/indicators employed.



## **AWARD CRITERIA FOR OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE CHAMPION**

This award recognizes those individuals or organizations that exemplify leadership in operating the buildings and landscapes in our community with environmental sensitivity, resource efficiency, and longevity.

The intent of the Operational Excellence Award is to honor those that have exemplified a commitment to the sustainable operations of a facility including but not limited to:

- Developing and practicing an innovative sustainable building and maintenance operations plan
- Developing and practicing an innovative sustainable landscape and maintenance operations plan
- Demonstrating excellence in the efficient, sustainable maintenance and operations of a facility and / or facilities
- Completing the LEED for Existing Buildings-Operations + Maintenance certification and sharing that knowledge and expertise with others
- Having an overall commitment to the constant improvement of a building for the duration of its life cycle
- Providing an overall commitment to sustainable building practices for facilities as stand-alone entities, as well as part of a holistic campus

Reasons for the nomination should be clearly outlined and methods employed by the nominee to achieve sustainability goals should be detailed. Discuss trade-offs and interactions to achieve the goals as well as lessons learned.

Discuss how the nominee has transformed the built environment through building operations, including a highlight of the benefits to building occupants and / or owners. Discuss whether the strategies used in this nomination are transferable to others.

Discuss measurements for sustainability of the nomination. Please describe metrics/indicators employed.