

# U.S. Department of Education Opens Public Comment for Green Ribbon Schools Award

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This week, the [U.S. Department of Education](#) announced that the online public comment period for the [Green Ribbon Schools award](#) is now open, and will last through Sept. 14, 2011.

The Green Ribbon School award will be given to K-12 schools that best exemplify America's transition to a sustainable economy, from graduating environmentally literate students to effectively managing their carbon footprint. The award will acknowledge high levels of achievement in three areas: environmental impact and energy efficiency, healthy environment and environmental literacy.

The U.S. Green Building Council, along with the [Campaign for Environmental Literacy \(CEL\)](#), [Earth Day Network](#) and the [National Wildlife Federation](#), encourage interested schools and parties to submit their opinions and feedback for this important program.

More information about the award is available [online](#), or on the Green Ribbon Schools [Facebook page](#).

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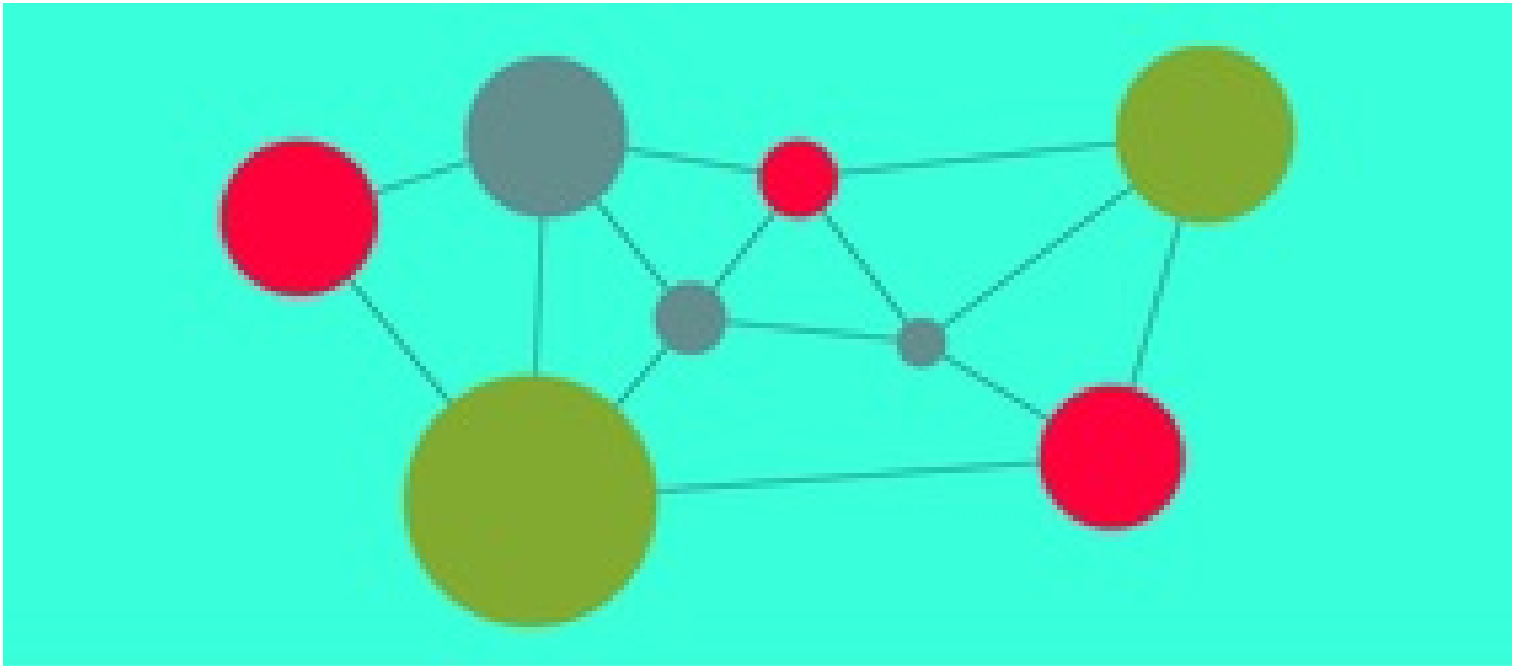


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