

USGBC Awards Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson 2012 Richard M. Daley Legacy Award for Global Leadership in Creating Sustainable Cities

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Award to be presented at Greenbuild International Conference and Expo in San Francisco

Washington, D.C. – (Oct. 26, 2012) – The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) has announced Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson as the recipient of its 2012 Richard M. Daley Legacy Award for Global Leadership in Creating Sustainable Cities. First presented to Mayor Daley at the Greenbuild International Conference and Expo in Chicago in 2010, this award honors his legacy by recognizing outstanding vision, leadership and commitment to the evolution of green buildings and communities as a vehicle to enhance our quality of life. Mayor Johnson will be presented with the Daley Award at the Leadership Luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 15 during USGBC's 2012 [Greenbuild International Conference and Expo](#) held in San Francisco, Calif.

"Mayor Johnson has accomplished an unbelievable amount during his time in office, advancing green schools, building retrofits, and numerous other sustainability initiatives in the City of Sacramento," said Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO and Founding Chair, USGBC. "We are fortunate to have leaders like Mayor Johnson bringing our cities toward efficiency and equality, and we are honored to present him with this well-deserved award."

"As mayor, I have dedicated myself to making the Sacramento region the greenest in the country and a hub for clean technology," Johnson said. "Green cities put people back to work and are the key to economic growth. I am honored to receive this award and look forward to continuing our efforts to show that good environmental policy can also be good economic policy."

Through his leadership, the City of Sacramento has taken bold steps to uphold the promise of a greener, safer and more resilient community. His accomplishments include:

- Launching Greenwise Joint Venture, a regional nonprofit organization dedicated to the goal of transforming the Sacramento area into the "Emerald Valley," the greenest region in the country and a hub for clean technology;
- Developing the comprehensive Greenwise Regional Action Plan, articulating a shared sustainability vision with the input of more than 100 strategies brainstormed by 275 policy committee members who donated 13,000 hours of volunteer service;
- Participating in the Greening of America's Schools Summit, helping develop a national action plan for improving America's schools;
- Committing to retrofit 12 million square feet of commercial property as one of the first five cities invited to participate in President Obama's Better Buildings Challenge;
- Partnering with Ygrene Energy Fund to make \$100 million available for energy upgrades to property owners within Sacramento;
- Partnering with the [Center for Green Schools](#) to provide an inaugural Green Schools Fellow in the Sacramento City Unified School District to advance sustainability best practices in the city's schools;
- Reducing the city's carbon footprint by ending the practice of transporting waste out of state;

▪ Assisting to secure \$280 million in federal funding for clean energy;

▪ Launching “Blue Thumb,” a public education campaign with the regional Water Authority to promote landscape water efficiency;

▪ Improving flood protection, including signing of the Post Authorization Change Report by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and completion of phases two and three of the Natomas Levee Improvement Program;

▪ Developing and launching the [Sacramento Ready](#) initiative to improve emergency coordination and training across the region.

About U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. USGBC works toward its mission of market transformation through its LEED green building certification program, robust educational offerings, a nationwide network of chapters and affiliates, the annual Greenbuild International Conference & Expo, and advocacy in support of public policy that encourages and enables green buildings and communities. For more information, visit usgbc.org and follow us on Twitter [@USGBC](#), and Facebook at facebook.com/USGBC.

About Greenbuild

The U.S. Green Building Council’s Greenbuild International Conference & Expo convenes the industry’s largest gathering of representatives from all sectors of the green building movement. Three days of extensive educational programming, workshops, a vast exhibition floor and ample networking events provide unrivaled opportunities to learn about the latest technological innovations, explore new products, and exchange ideas with other professionals. Greenbuild is the four-time recipient of IMEX Green Meetings Award and the 2012 show will be held on Nov. 14-16, in San Francisco, Calif. Last year’s conference in Toronto, Ontario, drew more than 23,000 attendees and featured a sold out exhibit hall floor with more than 1,700 exhibit booths. For more information, visit greenbuildexpo.org and follow us on Twitter [@Greenbuild](#), and Facebook at facebook.com/Greenbuild.

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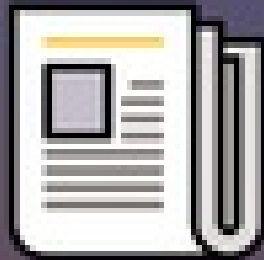
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