



2020 Sustainable Business Awards



We have a lot to celebrate in the Carolinas! Did you know that there are over 2,700 projects that equate to more than 300 million square feet of LEED space in North and South Carolina? Healthy, high-performing, green buildings and communities are driven by our diverse Carolinas leadership composed of more than 400 individuals and companies who are committed to building a prosperous green economy. Join us in celebrating this leadership by nominating projects and people for the 2020 USGBC Carolinas Sustainable Business Awards.

Leadership Awards

Volunteer Leadership Award

This award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding commitments through their personal time and energy, community connections, or other support to advance the green building movement in the Carolinas. Volunteer leaders will be profiled on usgbc.org and voted on by the community. **The winner will be announced at the Green Gala. Nominees must be active USGBC members in North or South Carolina community at the time of submission to be eligible and agree to be present at the Gala.**

Community Change Agent

For any leader, organization, company or governmental entity that has demonstrated leadership in sustainability at exceptional scale. This is demonstrated through their commitment and impact through such activities as LEED and other certifications, GRESB reporting or other verified indicators. **Nominee must agree to the nomination and to attend the Gala to be eligible.**

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Project Awards

The Green Business Awards celebrate leadership in green building excellence in the Carolinas through six distinct categories. These awards not only celebrate the green features and performance of projects, but their impact and the team behind them.

Projects are scored by judges from outside the Carolinas community, across 7 topic categories:

- Project Summary/overall project presentation
- Certifications & Awards
- Most innovative aspects
- Challenges overcome that contributed to project success
- Outcomes and impact
- Community engagement & benefit
- Health & wellness integration

All project nominees should have a project profile completed in the LEED Project Directory on www.usgbc.org. Need help creating your project profile? [Click here](#). Nominees must agree to the nomination and to attend the Gala to be eligible.

Innovative Project, Building Design + Construction

For a LEED BD+C project certified in the last 2 years that demonstrates exceptional performance and the use of new technologies and strategies to push the envelope of green design and meet project challenges in innovative ways.

Innovative Project, Interior Design + Construction

For a LEED ID+C project certified in the last 2 years that demonstrates exceptional performance and the use of new technologies and strategies to push the envelope of green design and meet project challenges in innovative ways.

Innovative Project, Existing Building Performance

For a LEED O+M project certified in the last 2 years that demonstrates a significant increase in building performance through the implementation of sustainable operations and incremental improvements.

Community Champion Project

For LEED certified projects or portfolios that serve the needs of the community, particularly low-income and other vulnerable people. Project types may include education, affordable housing, faith-based, veterans, and other public or social service use types that comprehensively address the environment, equity, health and society through their buildings and mission.

Marquee Green Building

For any iconic building or significant project which received LEED certification within the past 10 years. Buildings/projects may be significant because of innovative practices that pushed the envelope of sustainability, because of their public or social significance or momentous scope and scale of the project. These buildings demonstrate continued leadership and performance with additional certifications, LEED recertification, performance tracking through Arc, and other awards or initiatives.

People's Choice

All nominees in the other categories will be included in this category and selected by attendees in real time at the Green Gala.

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Questions?

If you have any questions about the awards, [email us](#).