

# SUSTAINABILITY & ENERGY SMART AWARDS

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The U.S. Green Building Council Ohio Chapter Central Region and HEAPY announce the Annual **Sustainability and Energy Smart Awards**. These Awards will recognize and honor those outstanding projects, inspirational businesses, dedicated community members, and instrumental USGBC and other volunteers who LEED the way to more sustainable communities. We will celebrate people, companies, and organizations that demonstrate leadership in sustainable practices. Central Ohio Region winners will be announced at the **DesignColumbus 2020 on March 9<sup>th</sup>** at Columbus State Community College held annually with the interest of integrating sustainable strategies in the built environment.

1. Submission deadline: February 7, 2020
2. \$30 Awards Processing Fee for non-USGBC Ohio members' applications
  - o *Free for USGBC Ohio members*
3. Pre-Qualifications include:
  - o Need to be a firm with an office in one of the counties within the USGBC-OH Central Region.
  - o Or, need to be an individual resident in one of the following Central Ohio Counties:

Belmont	Fayette	Meigs	Pickaway
Champaign	Franklin	Monroe	Ross
Clark	Guernsey	Morgan	Tuscarawas
Coshocton	Hocking	Morrow	Union
Delaware	Knox	Muskingum	Vinton
Fairfield	Licking	Noble	Washington
	Madison	Perry	

- o Or, need to be an Owner of the business located in Central Ohio.
  - o Or, need to be a Government entity in these (above) Counties.
4. At least two images of the project must be submitted and uploaded to: [www.SESAwards.com](http://www.SESAwards.com)
    - o LEED/WELL/SITES/PEER/LBE, etc. checklists may be included in addition to the images
  5. Projects do not have to be LEED, WELL, SITES, PEER, LBC, etc. Registered or Certified, but judging preference will be given for those that are
  6. Eligible projects must already be constructed

7. Finalists will be required to have a representative on site at the **DesignColumbus 2020** to receive the award if selected
8. More than one project, individual, municipality, organization or business may be nominated by the same submitter
  - Separate applications must be completed for each nomination
9. Nominators are responsible for verifying that their electronic communications (no hard copies) are received in a timely fashion.
  - Once an application is received, a confirmation email will be sent to the nominator.
  - Nominators are encouraged to submit well in advance of the deadline.
10. Entries are public information and summaries of finalist and winning applications will be published.
11. Awards will be given at the sole discretion of the judges. Nomination in a category does not automatically mean that an award will be given in that category.
  - Nominator will be notified if their submission is moved to another, more specific category.
  - Judges are an independent panel of sustainability leaders.
  - Judging criteria is based upon meeting the Sustainability and Energy intent of the submitted category, exhibiting a positive community transformation / impact, and exemplifying innovation and creativity.
12. All nominations must be submitted electronically through the Sustainability and Energy Smart Awards Website ([www.SESAwards.com](http://www.SESAwards.com)). Electronic submissions must include:
  - A Narrative Description that does not exceed 500 words, which summarizes the reason for nomination and the criteria used to support it. This Narrative Description may include an explanation of the nominee's scope, background, pertinent history and context, goals and the status of sustainable strategies, innovative solutions to challenges, results and lessons learned ... or anything else the nominator considers important to a winning application.
  - A separate 100-word Highlight/Summary Addendum of the nomination to be read at the awards ceremony if selected. Please submit this with the Narrative Description and application.
  - Additional Documentation is optional, and may include photos, graphics, letters of support, LEED, SITES, PEER, WELL Checklists, level of Certification, etc. Supplemental material submitted may or may not be reviewed at the discretion of the judges.
  - To accommodate "blind judging", letterhead, logos or information identifying the applicant or nominee/project should not be included in any of the submission materials, except for the Application Page.
  - Submittals sent in an incorrect format will be requested to be corrected, if time allows, or disqualified.
13. Timeline for **Sustainability and Energy Smart Awards Central Region:**
  - 12/1/19 — Call for Entries/Nominations
  - 2/7/20 — Submittal Deadline
  - 2/28/20 — Scoring Back from Judges
  - 3/2/20 — Finalists Informed
  - March 9, 2020 — **DesignColumbus 2020**

## Applicants choose from the following Award categories

- 1. Sustainable Project Owner:** This award honors the **OWNER** of a sustainably built work, addressing the overall sustainability of the building (new, addition or retrofit), interior fit out, landscape, and building systems (including mechanical, renewable energy upgrades, electrical, plumbing, etc.). Please note projects need to be complete and built by the time of submission. Designs will be judged on the built work's unique environmental, social and economic successes, and its significant measurable sustainable attributes. Projects do not have to be LEED, WELL, SITES, PEER, LBC, etc. Registered or Certified but judging preference will be given for those that are. If so certified, please include the final checklist.

*There will be three Awards in this category: Commercial New Construction, Commercial Existing Building and Residential.*
- 2. Sustainable Design Team:** This award honors the **DESIGN TEAM** of a sustainably built work, addressing the overall sustainability of the building (new, addition or retrofit), interior fit out, landscape, and building systems (including mechanical, renewable energy upgrades, electrical, plumbing, etc.). Please note projects need to be complete and built by the time of submission. Designs will be judged on the built work's unique environmental, social and economic successes, and its significant measurable sustainable attributes. Projects do not have to be LEED, WELL, SITES, PEER, LBC, etc. Registered or Certified but judging preference will be given for those that are. If so certified, please include the final checklist.

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- 3. Sustainability & Energy Project:** This award honors the **DESIGN TEAM and OWNER** of a sustainably built project having demonstrated outstanding leadership in **energy efficiency**. Applicants must submit at least 12 months of energy consumption for the facility to prove the energy reduction impact. Emphasis on unique approaches to energy conservation measures, including material and non-material (programming, educational campaigns, etc.) will be evaluated. (These awards will be encouraged to submit for the annual national ASHRAE, AEE and ASHE Energy and Technology Award programs). Projects do not have to be LEED, WELL, SITES, PEER, LBC, etc. Registered or Certified, but judging preference will be given for those that are. If so certified, please include the final checklist.

*There will be four Awards in this category: New Construction (Business and Residential) and Existing Buildings (Business and Residential).*
- 4. Sustainability Education & Outreach:** This award honors Organizations and Businesses engaged in community awareness (education) or assistance (outreach) initiatives to inspire environmentally responsible behavior from the Community. These programs should be external to the organization. Programs will be judged on how effectively the message is heard among the targeted constituencies, the specific impact or measurable outcomes the initiative or campaign has had on the Community's efforts to be more sustainable and how effectively resources were utilized to reach the constituency. LEED, WELL, SITES, PEER, LBC, etc. related / affiliated efforts will be strongly considered.

*There will be three Awards in this category: Business, Non-Government Organization and Government.*

5. **Sustainability Policy:** This award honors an organization's official internal policy or initiative that exhibits measurable, and significant sustainability/environmental benefits to a workplace and its people. Examples include how a building is operated and/or maintained, recycling programs, workforce transportation initiatives, purchasing policies, etc. Preference will be given to exemplary and unique policies with measurable outcomes, (as found in WELL Certification and LEED for Operations and Maintenance - Existing Building Sustainability Rating System). LEED, WELL, SITES, PEER, LBC, etc. related / affiliated efforts will be strongly considered. *There will be three Awards in this category: Business, Non-Government Organization and Government.*
  
6. **Community Sustainability Advocate:** This award honors an individual who exemplifies outstanding Leadership on Sustainability and Energy Advocacy for the Community. Personal involvement in USGBC (Activities, Committees, Advocacy, etc.) will be strongly considered. *There will be one Award in this category.*
  
7. **Community Volunteer:** This award honors an individual who exemplifies outstanding Leadership on Sustainability, Environmental and/or Energy Advocacy for the Community. Preference will be placed on individuals and their Leadership within and contribution to Sustainability organizations such as USGBC, ASHRAE, etc. Personal involvement in USGBC (Activities, Committees, Advocacy, etc.) will be strongly considered. *There will be one Award in this category*