

# USGBC COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

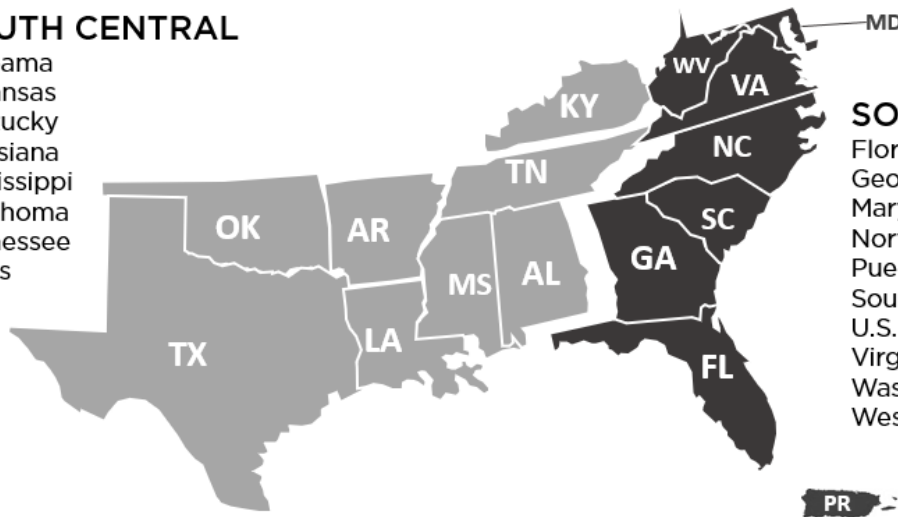
## 2023 Call for Nominations from South Regions

USGBC is accepting nominations for 2023 Community Leadership Awards from all communities in the South regions. These prestigious awards celebrate excellence from projects, people, and partners that are working to create better buildings and better lives for all in their local community. Nominations from the following locations are eligible: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, DC, and West Virginia. Award winners will be announced in the latter part of 2023 in conjunction with Community Leadership Awards Celebrations and other events in the region.

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### SOUTH CENTRAL

Alabama  
Arkansas  
Kentucky  
Louisiana  
Mississippi  
Oklahoma  
Tennessee  
Texas



### SOUTH ATLANTIC

Florida  
Georgia  
Maryland  
North Carolina  
Puerto Rico  
South Carolina  
U.S. Virgin Islands  
Virginia  
Washington, D.C.  
West Virginia

Preview the nomination form content at the end of this document. Nominations must be completed at one time and cannot be saved.

## General Award Criteria

- Nominees for Project, People or Partner awards must be in the communities from the South regions as defined by USGBC. Nominations are open to all communities within the region this year! Projects qualify based on location, even if the nominator is not in that community.
- Nominees who have won another USGBC award in the last three years are not eligible. For Project Awards, this is limited to a specific building project. Project teams who have won awards within the last three years for a different project are welcome to submit new projects. Previous Project Award Winners who have made new improvements to the project or performance, or which have achieved additional LEED certifications or recertifications are eligible after 3 years.
- All nominees give consent for USGBC to promote their nomination if it is chosen as a finalist. The information provided in the nomination form can be used in award related promotions, including listing in the usgbc.org directory, social media and other media.
- All Project Award Nominees must create/update the [USGBC project profile on usgbc.org](#). Directions on how to update your project profile can be found [here](#). Note the process can take 8-10 business days, so we invite you to submit your updates as soon as possible.
- Project award applications in all communities have an application fee. The fee may be paid by credit card at the time of application or you may request to be invoiced. Fee amounts and deadlines are as follows:
  - **USGBC National Capital Region**
    - Submission deadline: May 8, 2023; Fee: \$125
    - Extended deadline: May 15, 2023; Fee: \$175 (\$125 initial fee + \$50 extension fee)
  - **USGBC Maryland & USGBC Virginia**
    - Submission deadline: July 24, 2023; Fee: \$50
    - Extended deadline: July 31, 2023; Fee: \$100 (\$50 initial fee + \$50 extension fee)
  - **All other Big South USGBC communities**
    - Submission deadline: July 24, 2023; Fee: \$35
    - No extensions

You may request to have the application fee waived if you work for a government or nonprofit organization or if you cannot pay due to economic hardship. Please [contact us](#) with any inquiries about waiving the project award application fee.

- There is no fee to nominate people or companies for awards. Deadlines are as indicated below. There will be no extensions.
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    - Submission deadline: July 24, 2023

## **Project Awards**

Buildings, neighborhoods, communities, and other built projects within the South communities listed above are eligible nominees for Project Awards. Projects are reviewed by an esteemed panel of judges who represent leaders and stakeholders in the USGBC community with a variety of technical, market, and sector perspectives and expertise.

Project nominees are reviewed and scored by judges based on the following criteria:

- **Certification achievement (Up to 10 points):** This includes the LEED certification version and level, recertification, or other certifications awarded.
- **Goals (Up to 5 points):** Project Scope and Goals demonstrate a sustainable leadership approach.
- **Strategies (Up to 5 points):** Strategies push the envelope of sustainability, health & wellness, resilience and/or equity.
- **Process & Synergies (Up to 5 points):** Project challenges are resolved with an integrative process and innovative solutions.
- **Performance (Up to 5 points):** Data shows the completed project performs at a high standard and measures ongoing performance.
- **Lessons Learned (Up to 5 points):** Project demonstrates excellence and/or unique lessons learned within a specific location, market, sector or building use type.

The Project information on the nomination form mirrors this judging criterion. Click [here](#) to see a sample of the judging form for additional details. Based on the categories below, judges select which award will be given to each project based on the information in their nomination form. We encourage nominators to consider this list of potential award types when crafting their nomination information:

- **Design + Construction Award**  
For a design and construction project that demonstrates use of new technologies and strategies to push the envelope of green design and meet project challenges in an innovative way.
- **Operations + Maintenance Award**  
For an existing building project that demonstrates excellence in ongoing performance through ongoing operations and maintenance.
- **Rise to the Challenge Award**  
For a project or project team that overcame significant obstacles to provide meaningful and sustainable performance outcomes in a single building or at scale through a portfolio of buildings. Challenges may include implementing programs for a large-scale complex or surmounting significant limitations (cost or other) while demonstrating leadership in green building design/operations. Must be an existing building.
- **Marquee Green Building Award**  
For a culturally or historically significant building constructed, renovated, or operated within the past 10 years. These iconic buildings maintain sustainable practices and push the envelope of sustainability in design, development, and ongoing operational performance.
- **Community Champion Award**  
For a project, group, or person that deploys exceptional actions that address community needs or social equity, meeting USGBC's vision of healthy and sustainable buildings for all. Prime candidates include LEED Social Equity Pilot Credit users.
- **Climate Champion Award**  
For a project, group, or person that demonstrates exceptional and unique solutions that address carbon neutrality and the climate crisis.

- **Resiliency Award**  
For a project that deploys unique design, construction, or operations practices to address building or community resilience.
- **Health & Wellbeing Award**  
For a project that has demonstrated an advanced commitment to health and wellbeing in the building's design, construction, or operations.
- **Exceptional Sustainable Technology Award**  
For a project that successfully implements exceptional and innovative technology that improves the sustainable design and/or operations of the building. Can be a new or existing building.
- **Judges' or People's Choice Award**  
For projects that are deemed exceptional by the award judging panel (Judges' Choice) or through a public vote conducted digitally or at an awards event by the green building community (People's Choice). All award finalists are eligible for these awards, and the projects do not have to be a winner in another category to be eligible. To participate in the People's Choice competition, nominees must participate in a digital LEED Project Showcase.

### **Community Impact Awards for People & Partners**

Individual people & organizational partners who are advancing sustainability, resiliency, equity, health, and wellbeing in the local community are eligible for the Community Impact Awards. Awards are given for people and partners who:

- demonstrate exceptional leadership and have made outstanding contributions to advancing sustainability, health, equity or resilience in the local community and market.
- have supported USGBC's local work and activities in an exceptional way over the past year as an advocate, volunteer, or partner.
- have achieved a milestone which demonstrates a legacy of contributions to advancing sustainability, health, equity, or resilience at scale. Awardees have made personal and professional commitments that helped advance USGBC's mission for 10 or more years. They have served in multiple leadership roles and have left an indelible, positive imprint on the community.

Community Impact Award nominations can be made by the nominee or on their behalf by someone else. Nominees are reviewed by the volunteer Market Leadership Advisory Board in the local community. There is no fee to apply for a Community Impact Award.

### **Dates & Timeline**

- Call for Nominations & Judges: February 1- July 24
- Judging: July 31-August 8 (May 22-June 2 in National Capital)
- Finalists announced: September 4 (June 2 in National Capital)
- LEED Project Showcases: June - December
- Winners Announced at Awards Ceremonies:
  - National Capital Community at A Midsummer Night's Green: July 20 (Washington, DC)
  - USGBC Arkansas Green Tie event: October TBD (Little Rock)
  - USGBC Maryland Leadership Awards: October TBD (Baltimore)
  - USGBC Carolinas Green Gala & Leadership Awards: October TBD (Charlotte)
  - USGBC Tennessee Impact: November TBD (Nashville)
  - USGBC Virginia Leadership Awards: November TBD (Digital)
  - USGBC Georgia Chrysalis Leadership Awards: November TBD (Atlanta)
  - USGBC Florida Leadership Awards event: December TBD (South Florida)
  - USGBC & USGBC Texas Summit & Leadership Awards: December TBD (Houston)