2019 SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

Sustainable Leadership (People, Organizations, & Business Practices*)

- Sustainable Patron Award
- Sustainable Organization/NGO Award
- Sustainable Business Practices*

Sustainable Design (Certification Systems)

(Within each category, the jury will evaluate registered (unbuilt); registered and certified (built) submissions separately, as applicable. Applicants can also submit a project that is pursuing a similar, equivalent certification system with an explanation of how the project and certification system apply to the category.)

- Sustainable LEED BD+C Award
- Sustainable LEED ID+C Award
- Sustainable LEED O+M Award
- Sustainable LEED Homes Award
- Sustainable LEED Neighborhood
 Development or Eco-District Award
- Sustainable WELL Award
- Sustainable LBC or LBC Petal Award
- Sustainable Sites or Other Award

Sustainable Strategies

(Within each category, the jury will evaluate design/construction phase projects and completed projects separately, as applicable.)

- Zero Net Energy Award
- Zero Net Water Award
- Zero Net Waste Award
- Metrics & Research Award

Eligibility (Sustainable Leadership)

- Any individual or organization in San Diego County or Tijuana, may be submitted.
- Anyone can submit an individual or organization for an award.
- People or organizations previously awarded a similar SDGBC award are not eligible for re-entry.

Eligibility (Sustainable Design & Strategies)

- Any project in San Diego County or Tijuana, may be submitted.
- Any project outside of San Diego County that was designed or constructed by a local San Diego County company may be submitted.
- Anyone, including architects, landscape architects, engineers, contractors, clients, or owners, can submit a project.
- Projects previously awarded a similar SDGBC award are not eligible for re-entry.
- Projects can submit in multiple award categories. Separate applications shall be completed for each category.
- Entries must be completed (design or construction) since January 1, 2013.

^{*}Please note: Sustainable Business Practices will have a separate submission form downloadable on the website.

Sustainable Leadership Awards

Sustainable Patron Award: The Patron Award recognizes an individual whose vision, leadership and commitment have been fundamental to the evolution of our green building industry. Submissions will require 2–15 slides/pages attesting to the ways the nominee contributed to great sustainable design in San Diego County. There is no charge to submit a nominee for this award.

Sustainable Organization / NGO Award: The Organization/Non-Government Organization Award recognizes an organization whose vision, leadership and commitment have been fundamental to the evolution of our green building industry. Submissions will require 2-15 slides/pages attesting to the ways the nominee contributed to great sustainable design in San Diego County. There is no charge to submit a nominee for this award.

Sustainable Business Practices: The Business Practices Award recognizes businesses, non-profits and NGO's that have initiated or completed innovative sustainability practices, programs or projects within the past five years. There is no charge to submit a nominee for this award.

Sustainable Buildings Awards

Sustainable LEED BD+C Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in registered (unbuilt), registered (built) or certified (built) LEED BD+C projects. Submissions will require 7-15 slides/pages, including drawings of a site plan, floor plan(s), a minimum of 2 exterior and 2 interior images, and information supporting the registration or certification.

Sustainable LEED ID+C Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in registered (unbuilt), registered (built) or certified (built) LEED ID+C projects. Submissions will require 7-15 slides/pages, including drawings of a floor plan(s), a minimum of 2 interior images, and information supporting the registration or certification.

Sustainable LEED O+M Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in registered or certified LEED O+M projects. Submissions will require 7-15 slides/pages, that adequately represent the project including drawings of a floor plan(s), a minimum of 2 exterior and 2 interior images, and information supporting the registration or certification.

Sustainable LEED Homes Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in registered (unbuilt), registered (built) or certified (built) LEED Homes projects. Submissions will require 7-15 slides/pages, including drawings of a site plan, floor plan(s), a minimum of 2 exterior and 2 interior images, and information supporting the registration or certification.

Sustainable LEED Neighborhood Development or Eco-District Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in registered or certified LEED Neighborhood Development or Eco-District projects. Submissions will require 7-15 slides/pages, that adequately represent the development, including drawings of a site plan, and information supporting the registration or certification.

Sustainable WELL Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in registered (unbuilt), registered (built) or certified (built) WELL projects. Submissions will require 7-15 slides/pages, including drawings of a site plan, floor plan(s), a minimum of 2 exterior and 2 interior images, and information supporting the registration or certification.

Sustainable LBC or LBC Petal Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in registered (unbuilt), registered (built) or certified (built) LBC projects. Submissions will require 7–15 slides/pages, including drawings of a site plan, floor plan(s), a minimum of 2 exterior and 2 interior images, and information supporting the registration or certification.

Sustainable Sites or Other Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in registered (unbuilt), registered (built) or certified (built) Sustainable Sites projects. Submissions will require 7-15 slides/pages, that adequately represent the project, including drawings of a site plan, a minimum of 2 exterior images, and information supporting the registration or certification.

Sustainable Strategies Awards

Zero Net Energy Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in projects pursuing ZNE. The jury will evaluate design/construction phase projects and completed projects separately. Submissions will require 7-15 slides/pages, that adequately represent the project, including drawings of a site plan, floor plan(s), a minimum of 2 exterior and 2 interior images, and information supporting the ZNE criteria.

Zero Net Water Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in projects pursuing ZNWater. The jury will evaluate design/construction phase projects and completed projects separately. Submissions will require 7-15 slides/pages, that adequately represent the project, including drawings of a site plan, floor plan(s), a minimum of 2 exterior and 2 interior images, and information supporting the ZNWater criteria.

Zero Net Waste Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in projects pursuing ZNWaste. The jury will evaluate design/construction phase projects and completed projects separately. Submissions will require 7-15 slides/pages, that adequately represent the project, including drawings of a site plan, floor plan(s), a minimum of 2 exterior and 2 interior images, and information supporting the ZNWaste criteria.

Metrics & Research Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in the use of metrics and research to inform sustainable design. Projects shall be completed. Submissions will require 7-15 slides/pages, that adequately represent the project, including drawings of a site plan, floor plan(s), a minimum of 2 exterior and 2 interior images, and information supporting the metrics and research criteria.