

2020 SDGBC SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

Sustainable Leadership (People, Organizations, Social Equity, & Business Practices)

- Sustainable Patron Award
- Sustainable Organization / NGO Award
- Social Equity Award (Individual or Organization)
- Sustainable Business Practices Award

Sustainable Design, Construction and Operations (Certification Systems)

(Within each category, the jury will evaluate registered (unbuilt); registered and certified (built) submissions separately, as applicable within their certification system. 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 New Construction Award
 - (LEED BD+C, Bream NC, GreenGlobes, Federal Guiding Principles, CalGreen Tiers 1 & 2, Living Building Challenge/CORE/Petal, etc.)
- Sustainable Interiors/Tenant Improvement Award
 - (LEED ID+C, GreenGlobes, CalGreen Tiers 1 & 2, etc.)
- Sustainable Operations Award
 - (LEED O+M, Breeam In-Use, BOMA Best, etc.)
- Sustainable Residential Award
 - (LEED for Homes, Energy Star Designed Home, WaterSense home, Build It Green, etc.)
- Sustainable Neighborhood Development / District Award
 - (LEED-ND, LEED for Cities & Communities, EcoDistrict, Living Community Challenge, etc.)
- Sustainable Health & Wellbeing Award
 - (WELL, Fitwel, 9 Foundations for a Healthy Building, Health-Safety Rating, Verified Healthy Building, etc.)
- Sustainable Sites Award
- Parksmart Award

Sustainable Performance

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

- Zero Net Energy Award

- Most efficient EUI
 - (awarded across all building types when compared with national medians)
- Zero Net Water Award
- Zero Net Waste Award
- Low Embodied Carbon 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, Construction & Operations and Sustainable Performance)

- Any project in San Diego County or Tijuana, may be submitted.
- Any project outside of San Diego County that was designed or constructed by an individual or firm located in San Diego County.
- 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, 2014.

Additional Details

- Winning entries are public information, and summaries of winning applications will be published.
- Awards will be given at the sole discretion of the judges. Nominations in a category do not automatically mean that an award will be given in that category.
- Judging criteria is based upon meeting the intent of the submitted category, exhibiting a transformation in the built environment and exemplifying innovation, creativity and good design.

Submission Instructions

All entries shall be submitted electronically in the PowerPoint template. Each submission shall include:

- Completed Awards Project Credit Form and Project Information Sheet. The forms and supplementary instructions will be available via email from SDGBC.

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 (with text and/or images) 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 Company / Organization / NGO Award: The Company / 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 (with text and/or images) 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.

Social Equity Award: The Social Equity Award recognizes an organization or individual whose vision, leadership and commitment have been fundamental to the evolution of social equity in the green building industry. Submissions will require 2-15 slides/pages (with text and/or images) attesting to the ways the nominee integrated social equity into their business, neighborhood or community in San Diego County. There is no charge to submit a nominee for this award.

Sustainable Business Practices Award: The Sustainable Business Practices Award recognizes businesses that have initiated or completed innovative sustainability practices, programs, or projects within the past five years. A jury chosen by the San Diego Green Building Council's Green Business Committee will select one small business and one medium/large business to receive an award. Please email greenbiz@sd-gbc.org for more information and the intake form. There is no charge to submit a nominee for this award.

Sustainable Design, Construction and Operations Awards

Sustainable New Construction Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in registered (unbuilt), registered (built) or certified (built) in LEED BD+C, LEED C&S, BREEAM NC, GreenGlobes, Federal Guiding Principles, CalGreen Tiers 1 & 2, or Living Building Challenge/CORE/Petal 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 Interiors/Tenant Improvement Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in registered (unbuilt), registered (built) or certified (built) LEED ID+C, GreenGlobes, or CalGreen Tiers 1 & 2 projects. Submissions will require 5-15 slides/pages, including drawings of a floor plan(s), a minimum of 2 interior images, and information supporting the registration or certification.

Sustainable Operations Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in registered or certified LEED O+M, BREEAM In-Use, or BOMA Best projects. Submissions will require 5-15 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 Residential Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in registered (unbuilt), registered (built) or certified (built) LEED for Homes, Energy Star Designed Home, WaterSense Home, or Build It Green 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 Neighborhood Development / District Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in registered or certified LEED-ND, LEED for Cities & Communities, EcoDistrict, or Living Community Challenge 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 Health & Wellbeing Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in registered (unbuilt), registered (built) or certified (built) WELL, Fitwel, 9 Foundations for a Healthy Building, Health-Safety Rating, or Verified Healthy Building 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 Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in registered (unbuilt), registered (built) or certified (built) Sustainable Sites projects. Submissions will require 5-15 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.

Parksmart Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in registered (unbuilt), registered (built) or certified (built) Parksmart 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 Performance

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 with documentation 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.

EUI Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in projects with very efficient EUI scores when compared to national medians of similar building types. The jury will evaluate design/construction phase projects and completed projects with documentation separately. 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 EUI score compared to national averages.

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 with documentation 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 with documentation 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.

Low Embodied Carbon Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in lowering the embodied carbon in a project to enhance sustainable design. 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 low embodied carbon criteria.

Metrics & Research Award: This category recognizes distinguished achievement and quality design in the use of metrics and research to inform sustainable design. 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 metrics and research criteria.

Jury

To be determined.

Schedule

Registration opens: September 1, 2020

Submission deadline: October 16, 2020, 5:00pm (Email to info@sd-gbc.org)

Jury Evaluation: November 2-20, 2020

Awards Celebration at SDGBC Holiday Party: December 10, 2020 (May be a Virtual Celebration)

Cost

Registration (SDGBC member): \$50

Registration (non SDGBC member): \$100

Note: There is no charge to submit for the Patron Award, Organization / NGO Award, Social Equity, or Sustainable Business Practices Award

Questions

Contact the SDGBC office email: info@sd-gbc.org

[Contact the SDGBC Green Business Committee for Sustainable Business Practice Award: greenbiz@sd-gbc.org](#)