

## 2021 SDGBC Sustainable Design Awards - Category Descriptions

### Sustainable Design, Construction and Operations Categories

**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 Categories**

**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.

**Social Equity Award:** The Social Equity Award recognizes a project that demonstrates vision, leadership, and commitment to the evolution of social equity in the green building industry. Submissions will require 4-15 slides/pages (with text and/or images)

attesting to the ways the project demonstrated a commitment to social equity, including:

- • how the project benefits a diverse group of users within the building
- • what kind of benefits and access the surrounding community receives
- • how community members were engaged during the planning, design, and construction process
- • how the project team (design, construction, and ownership) represented diverse perspectives in the project development
- • how the use and operations of the building continue to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to social equity

**Please review awards details, schedule, and submission instructions at**

**<https://www.sd-gbc.org/awards>**