

JOIN US! Our LEEDership Awards celebration recognizes and honors those outstanding projects, inspirational businesses, dedicated individuals, and instrumental USGBC Florida members and volunteers who are LEEDing the way to a more sustainable built environment in our Gulf Coast community.



Call for Entries and Awards Application Information

Thank you for your interest in submitting a nomination or nominations for The 2017 LEEDership Awards.

USGBC Florida Gulf Coast's goal is to recognize and honor those outstanding projects, inspirational businesses, dedicated community members, and instrumental USGBC volunteers who are LEEDing the way to a more sustainable built environment in our Gulf Coast communities. With your assistance, we are confident that we will do so in a very special way.

And in a much more simplified manner than past years!

Judging Categories

- New Construction (any commercial project)
- Interiors (any commercial interior project)
- Residential (any residential project)
- Schools (any level and type of school)
- Community LEEDer (any individual, including an elected official)
- Business (any business)
- USGBC Volunteer (from any Branch from within the USGBC Florida Gulf Coast Region)
- Sustainable Community Project or Asset (however big or small!)

Per above, we have scaled down the number of categories for submission to seven, but not necessarily the number of awards that will be given. As an example, if your company submits a project under New Construction that received any type of green certification, it may come out of the judging process as Outstanding Public Project or Outstanding Office Building. Simply put, the Judging and LEEDership Committees will make the decision internally to create logical subcategories from quality submissions that will recognize more potential award winners.

Nomination Requirements

- Projects/Individuals/Municipalities/Organizations/Businesses may be located anywhere in the Florida Gulf Coast's regional territory (from Citrus down to Collier) and individuals and businesses are not required to be USGBC National or USGBC Florida members.
- Projects do not have to be LEED, WELL, SITES, PEER, FGBC, NGBS Registered or Certified, but judging preference may be given for those that are.
- Eligible projects must already be constructed.
- Finalists will be required to have a representative on site at the LEEDership Awards on Thursday evening, October 26, 2017, to receive the award if selected.
- More than one project, individual, municipality, organization or business may be nominated by the same submitter. **In fact, that is encouraged!**
- Separate applications must be completed for each nomination.

- Nominators are responsible for verifying that their electronic communications (no hard copies) are received in a timely fashion.
- Once an application has been received, a confirmation email will be sent to the nominator. Applications are encouraged to be submitted well in advance of the deadline of Monday, September 22, 2017.
- Entries are public information and summaries of finalist and winning applications will be published.
- 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.
- The judges are an independent panel of sustainable industry leaders chosen by the LEEDership Committee.
- Judging criteria is based upon meeting the intent of the submitted category, exhibiting a transformation in the built environment, and exemplifying innovation and creativity.
- All nominations must be submitted electronically as a single .pdf (see details below). Format is solely the call of the nominator. Electronic submissions must include:
 - ✓ A Narrative Description that does not exceed two pages, 500 words per page, which summarizes the reason for nomination and the criteria used to support it. This Narrative Description may include an explanation of the “nominated’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 (below).
 - ✓ Additional Documentation is optional, and may include photos, graphics, letters of support, LEED, SITES, PEER, WELL Checklists, level of Certification, etc. Supplemental material may be submitted, but 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 \(found below\)](#).
 - ✓ Submittals sent in an incorrect format will be requested to be corrected, if time allows, or disqualified.
 - ✓ Submittals should be sent to jeveland@vhb.com with the Subject: LEEDership Awards Nomination.

Timeline for Awards

8/15 — Call for Entries/Nominations

9/22 — Nomination Deadline

9/29 — Scoring Back from Judges / Awards Categories Established

10/4 — Finalists Informed

THIS SINGLE PAGE IS YOUR APPLICATION PAGE

■ Type directly into this .pdf, save it as .pdf and return it and other submission documents to jveland@vhb.com.

■ Provide this Application Page as a fourth document (along with your Narrative Description, Highlight/Summary Addendum, and Additional Documentation [per above, optional]).

Date of Application Submittal:

Name of Project/Individual/Municipality/Organization/Business:

Name, Title and Company of Applicant/Submitter:

Preferred Daytime Phone of Applicant/Submitter:

Preferred Email Address of Applicant/Submitter:

Please select the Category of this Submittal:

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Nominee Rights and Signature (the legal “stuff”)

PROPERTY: The USGBC Florida Gulf Coast Region will retain the Applicant’s entry materials as long as needed to fulfill program requirements. By participating in the 2017 LEEDership Awards program, Applicant grants to the USGBC Florida Gulf Coast Region an unlimited, permanent, nonexclusive license under which the USGBC Florida Gulf Coast Region may take, transcribe or quote from the materials, create derivative works and publish in any format for the 2017 LEEDership Awards related publicity and publications.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Photographs submitted with the application become the property of the USGBC Florida Gulf Coast Region. If the photographs are not owned by the Applicant, Applicant must obtain the rights from the photographer or owner to reprint the photographs without limitations. Ownership of a physical photograph is not sufficient. Photographers normally maintain the copyright of photos; therefore, the Applicant should confirm it has permission to copy and send photos to the USGBC Florida Gulf Coast Region for use without limitations. Any liability for copyright violation shall be borne solely by the Applicant, and Applicant agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the USGBC Florida Gulf Coast Region, its sponsors and their respective officers, members, employees, representatives and agents harmless from any damages arising from the use of such photographs in any manner whatsoever.

ORIGINAL WORK: The Applicant represents and warrants that the work is original, that its publication will not infringe on the rights of others, and that it has the full power to make this submission.

I accept the preceding and above-noted terms and conditions related to my submission to the 2017 LEEDership Awards.

Applicant/Submitter Name (same as above):

Signature:

Date:

Questions?

Contact John Eveland

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813-373-8251

Note: There is a \$50 awards processing fee for non-USGBC Florida members' applications. USGBC Florida members' applications may be submitted with no charge.

Please [visit here](#) to submit fee.