



USGBC ARIZONA AWARDS SOME HEAVY MEDALS

LEEDing with Green

With over 300 LEED-certified buildings in Arizona, the Arizona Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) thought it was only appropriate to give recognition to the owners and their team who put out the extra effort to accomplish this LEED certification. On October 24 at the Phoenix Convention Center West (a LEED Silver-certified building), the AZ chapter of USGBC held their first annual “Heavy Medals: Success Beyond a Scoreboard” Awards Luncheon which was attended by the owners and their team for the buildings, along with 16 elected officials, and media.

“Until now, owners of LEED-certified buildings only received a nice plaque in the mail but we thought they deserved to be further recognized for their substantial efforts to become certified and for what they are doing for our state and for the environment,” said Jamie McKnight, USGBC Arizona Board volunteer.

To launch the event, a heart-felt rendition of “God Bless America” was

sung by former U.S. Senate nominee, Rodney Glassman and a touching invocation prayer was said by Mayor John Lewis of Gilbert. Tucson Councilwoman Regina Romero effectively led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The event was hosted by Channel 5 News morning newscaster, Pat McReynolds, who entertained the audience, and Greg Stanton, Phoenix’s green-minded mayor, spoke at the event, giving accolades and encouragement to everyone involved in green projects.

This banquet not only awarded owners who achieved the highest quantities of certifications per category but also acknowledged all LEED-certified building owners in the state of Arizona. Award categories were in New Construction, Commercial Interiors, Existing Buildings, Homes, Non-Profit Organizations and K-12 Schools. The highest amount of LEED-certified buildings in the state of Arizona to date was awarded to Arizona State University who own 16. Special

awards went to the Salvation Army and to the Rough Rock School District.

More and more owners now are striving for LEED certification because it is not only good for the environment but also saves money on operational costs. “It’s a misnomer that a LEED-certified building costs more to build but in actuality, sustainable buildings save money,” said McKnight “That’s why many municipal and non-profit organizations have decided to go the sustainable route.”

This event has brought a deeper sense of community within the industry and within Arizona. It has reminded building owners and their supporting team of their achievement of reaching a common goal and has encouraged future sustainable projects. With the success of this event and the positive response, it is the hopes of the AZ Chapter of USGBC that more owners will strive for approaches to become more sustainable and that the state of Arizona can be the leader for other states to follow. ■

Arizona USGBC Members Earn LEED Certification

We would like to acknowledge every organization in Arizona that obtained LEED certification. Congratulations to each of you for a job well done.

AEP Properties, LLC
 AEW
 Agua Fria Union High School District
 Air Force
 American Campus Communities
 Architectural & Environmental Associates
 Arizona Public Service
 Arizona State Parks
 Arizona State University
 Army
 Army National Guard
 Arrowhead Mercedes Benz
 Audubon Arizona
 AZ Dept. of Military Affairs
 Bank of America
 Benttree Custom Homes
 BIA Navajo Regional Facilities
 BIA Bureau of Indian Affairs
 BIA Leupp Schools, Inc.
 Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley
 Carlson Real Estate
 Cassidy Turley
 CBRE
 Celerion
 Central Animal Hospital
 Chandler Unified School District
 Chandler/Gilbert Community College
 Chesnut Properties
 City of Apache Junction
 City of Chandler
 City of Peoria
 City of Phoenix
 City of Scottsdale
 City of Tempe
 City of Tucson
 CJC Construction
 Collier Center PT , LLC
 Comerica Bank
 Corona de Tucson Fire District
 Desert Star Construction
 DFDCH
 DLR Group
 Doucette Homes
 DPR
 Drury Southwest, Inc.
 El Rio Community Health Center
 Energy Systems Design
 General Dynamics
 Gensler

Genzyme Corporation
 Gipson Corwin Homes, LLC
 Global Water Management, LLC
 Golder Ranch Fire District
 Goldmark Homes
 Goodmans Interior Structures
 Green Street Development
 Green Valley Fire District
 Habitat for Humanity
 HAM Tucson, LLC
 Hart Advisors
 Haydon Building Corp.
 Henderson Companies
 Henkel Corporation
 Highlands Center for Natural History
 Hillis Bolte Luxury Builders
 Indevco Construction, Inc.
 Insight-Facilities
 Institute of EcoTourism
 Integrity Luxury Homes
 Intel Corporation
 Jeehdeez'a Academy
 Kitchell Development Company
 Knoll
 Kohl's Department Stores
 Kraft Foods Global Inc.
 LBA Realty
 Liberty Property Trust
 Lutz Construction
 Maricopa County Community Colleges
 Maricopa County
 Marine Corps
 McGough SW
 MEPT -Bentall Kennedy
 Miraval
 Mission Verde
 Mohave Administration Building
 Moran Architects
 Murphy Elementary School District
 Museum of Northern Arizona
 National Park Service
 Navy
 New Breed Construction
 North Central Association
 Northern Arizona University
 OneMain Financial/CitiFinancial
 Okland
 Orcutt Winslow
 Palice Investments, LLC
 PepsiCo

Pima County Community College
 Pima County Facilities Management
 QTG
 Ravi Nannapaneni
 Red Rock Aerie, LLC
 Regus
 Reit Management & Research, LLC
 RES Construction
 Restoration Place, LLC
 Richard Zimmerman
 Rincon Valley Fire District
 Rio Rico Fire District
 RNL
 Robert Raudebaugh
 Rockefeller Group, The
 Rough Rock Community School
 Salt River Project
 Salvation Army
 Santan Volkswagen
 Sargent & Lundy
 Specialty Textile Services
 SquareCare
 Squire, Sanders & Dempsey
 State of Arizona
 State of Arizona ADOT
 Sundt Companies
 Sunset Investments, LLC
 TD Ameritrade
 Thomas Hayes Construction
 Tofel Construction
 Tolleson Fire Department
 Toyota
 Trammell Crow Company
 Transwestern
 Triyar Hospitality, LLC
 Tucson Electric Power
 Tucson Unified School District
 University of Arizona
 Urban Edge Builders
 US Airways
 USAA
 USDA Forest Service
 Vail School District
 Verizon Wireless
 Waste Management
 Waxie Sanitary Supply
 Weitz Construction
 Wells REIT
 Window Rock Unified District
 Yavapai College

Congratulations to all the winners of the 2012 USGBC Arizona Heavy Medals Awards!

Award Winner	Category	Award
University of Arizona	LEED New Construction	Most Platinum Buildings
City of Scottsdale	LEED New Construction	Most Platinum Buildings
Arizona State University	LEED New Construction	Most Gold Buildings
Arizona State University	Highest LEED Achievement	Most Certifications in Arizona
City of Phoenix	LEED New Construction	Most Silver Category
City of Phoenix	LEED New Construction	Most Certified Category
City of Apache Junction	LEED New Construction	Most Certified Category
City of Tucson	LEED New Construction	Most Combined Certifications
Verizon Wireless	LEED Commercial Interiors	Most Gold Buildings
Verizon Wireless	LEED Commercial Interiors	Most Silver Buildings
USAA	LEED Existing Buildings	Most Platinum Buildings
Regus	LEED Existing Buildings	Most Gold Buildings
Arizona Public Service	LEED Existing Buildings	Most Silver Buildings
CBRE	LEED Existing Buildings	Most Silver Buildings
General Dynamics	LEED Existing Buildings	Most Certified Category
Transwestern	LEED Existing Buildings	Most Certified Category
Weitz	LEED for Homes	Most Platinum Homes
Tofel Construction	LEED for Homes	Most Gold Homes
Habitat for Humanity	LEED for Homes	Most Certified Category
Salvation Army Kroc Center	Non-Profit Category	Only Gold Gym
Rough Rock Community School	K-12 Schools Category	Most Certifications
Museum of Northern Arizona	ENR 2009 Best Green Building	Making Arizona Proud
Northern Arizona University	LEED New Construction	LEEDing the Way



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Arizona's sustainable leaders take the stage with some of the state's greenest elected officials.

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