



2015 Sustainability Awards

Application Deadline: Friday, August 28, 2015

Awards Ceremony: TBD

***Who in our community is building a greener, more sustainable future?
Nominate a business, school, organization or individual!***

The Sustainability Awards, administered by the District Department of the Environment (DDOE), recognizes outstanding individuals, businesses, schools, institutions, and organizations for their environmental leadership and contributions to the Mayor's vision that the District becomes the greenest, healthiest, and most livable city in the nation.

Your application for the 2015 Sustainability Awards should be no more than three (3) written pages. Applicants who are participating in the *Smarter DC Challenge* (the District's green organization and property challenge) will receive **10 extra points in the scoring process**. We encourage you to register for the *Smarter DC Challenge* at smarterdcchallenge.com.

Your application should include a thorough description of sustainable measures, being undertaken by the applicant, that support areas covered in the *Sustainable DC Plan* (www.sustainabledc.org). These areas include the built environment, climate, energy, food, nature, transportation, waste, water, and the green economy. Other suggested topics include energy and water conservation, pollution prevention or reduction, resource conservation, low impact development, storm water management practices, green building construction and operation, sustainability initiatives, innovative technology, "green" products or services, recycling/composting, environmental leadership, environmental education, and employee commitment. Please include details such as cost savings, reduction in air emissions, energy or water savings, pounds of pollution reduced, trees planted, or other environmental and community benefits.

Nominees may include programs of a national scope that also have real, tangible impacts here in the District of Columbia.

Instructions

Eligibility

- The nominee must reside or have a physical presence in the District of Columbia (for corporations, institutions, or organizations, the headquarters may be located outside the

District). Companies with multiple locations in the District must identify one (1) site or building for DDOE's compliance check.

- The nominee must be in compliance with all District of Columbia regulations (a compliance check of existing records will be conducted on a facility applying for an award).
- All winners must agree to allow a summary of their award application to be published on the District of Columbia's website, ddoe.dc.gov.

How to Apply

- Visit ddoe.dc.gov to download and complete the cover sheet.
- Submit the completed cover sheet with the award application. The award application should be no more than three (3) typed pages describing how the nominee strives for environmental excellence and demonstrates environmental leadership in the community.
- **NEW for 2015:** Applicants who are participating in the *Smarter DC Challenge* (the District's green organization and property challenge) will receive **10 extra points in the scoring process**. For questions about registering, contact the *Smarter DC Challenge* at sdc@smarterdcchallenge.com, or call (202) 559-0777. To register, go to smarterdcchallenge.com.
- You may include photos within your 3-page application.
- Entries will be scored on the following criteria: environmental impact and benefits (50 points), social and community impact (30 points), level of commitment by senior management, employees, or an individual (20 points).
- There is no charge to apply.



NOTE:

This is not a writing contest, but a review of environmental projects, practices, and leadership. Entries will be judged solely on the information in the application. Applicants may call (202) 535-1939 with questions. The summaries and case studies on DDOE's website are a part of an on-line library of best environmental practices in the District. Award winners will have the opportunity to review, comment on, and approve the summary of their applications before they are posted to the website.

Submit your Application by **Friday, August 28, 2015** to:

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Thank you for applying!