



Innovative Green Buildings and Products: Winners of the 4th Annual Innovation in Green Design Award from the Massachusetts Chapter of the USGBC

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June 1, Boston MA – Green innovations that take a giant step forward were the focus of the 4th annual Innovation in Green Design Award, given each year by the Massachusetts Chapter of the US Green Building Council. The jury gave awards to two building projects, an innovative product, and a feasibility study. Each of the winners demonstrates the best forward-looking ideas that are replicable and cost effective.

With 17 submissions this year, the IGDA continues to grow in breadth and importance as a showcase for the state of Massachusetts. Submissions ranged from a student run project to create furniture from plastic bags, submitted by Artists for Humanity, to a two-building LEED™ Gold commercial development in Waltham, submitted by Margulies Peruzzi Architects. This year's submissions included a number of policy projects, as well, from the Green Building Guidelines for the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, to a green roof study for the City of Boston – one of this year's winners.

Jurors for the 2011 awards were: Jennifer Dolin, Manager of Sustainability and Environmental Affairs for OSRAM SYLVANIA; Gunnar Hubbard, Principal and Founder of the highly regarded green building consultants, Fore Solutions; and Lance Fletcher, Director of Sustainable Design at the Boston Architectural College. The jury brought considerable knowledge and experience from different industries to the awards process.

Award Winning Entries – Building Project Related:

Winner

Harvard Yard Childcare Center

Submitted by Triumph Modular, Inc.

Accepted by Cliff Cort, President of Triumph Modular

Honorable Mention

Weston Corporate Center

Submitted by Boston Properties

Accepted by Brian Swett, Boston Properties



Award Winning Entry – Product or Technology Related:

Co-Winner

FreeStyle Flooring

Submitted by SelecTech, Inc.

Accepted by SelecTech, Inc.

Co-Winner

City of Boston Green Roofs Study

Submitted by Arrowstreet

Accepted by Patricia Cornelison, Principal, Arrowstreet

Each year, the Innovation in Green Design Award provides a glimpse into the groundbreaking work done in the State of Massachusetts to advance sustainability in the building industry. "The breadth of submissions was astonishing..." said Gunnar Hubbard. Jennifer Dolin, from Osram Sylvania added, "... and each submission showed truly innovative thinking."

Hosted by the Massachusetts Chapter of the USGBC since 2008, the annual event connects the local green building community and recognizes innovation in the green building field throughout the state. The Innovation in Green Design Award recognizes Massachusetts based projects, products, and technologies that are innovative, replicable, and have significant impact in Massachusetts. Submissions can be seen on our website at - www.usgbcma.org.

Massachusetts Chapter of USGBC

The Massachusetts Chapter of the US Green Building Council's mission is to promote the design, construction, and operation of sustainable buildings and communities in Massachusetts through education, mutual support, and advocacy, enabling an environmentally and socially responsible, healthy and prosperous environment that improves the quality of life.

Editors/reporters: Jim Newman of USGBCMA and the winners are available for interviews about the awards and projects. Images of the awards presentation are available.

To arrange an interview, contact Jim Newman at 617-699-7323 or jim@linneansolutions.com.



Innovation in Green Design Award

Submissions and Awardees

Winner: Buildings Category

Project: Harvard Yard Childcare Center

Submitter: Triumph Modular, Inc.

Contact: Theresa Hazelrigg

Notes: Highly innovative environmentally sensitive modular building commissioned by Harvard, and ready to be moved to a new location, as needed.

Honorable Mention: Buildings Category

Project: Weston Corporate Center

Submitter: Boston Properties

Contact: Andrea Simpson

Notes: Innovative office building using multiple advanced technologies

Co-Winner: Product or Technology Category

Project: FreeStyle Flooring

Submitter: SelecTech, Inc.

Contact: SelecTech, Inc.

Notes: Flooring created from recycled carpet backing, which is a difficult material to recycle. Uses no adhesives and has a take-back program.

Co-Winner: Products and Technologies Category

Project: City of Boston Green Roofs Study

Submitter: Arrowstreet Architects

Contact: Pat Cornelison

Notes: An economic feasibility study of green roofs for Boston municipal buildings, providing a clear methodology for applying the study to other locations and cities.

Additional Entries

Project: EMD Serono | Research Institute

Submitter: Jones Lang LaSalle

Contact: Deborah Graziano

Notes: High-performance laboratory building in Billerica, Massachusetts.

Project: Two Pond Farm

Submitter: Riverstone Development & Kraus Finch Architecture

Contact: David Rosenmiller, Riverstone Development

Notes: Highly crafted and efficient single-family house in Williamsburg, Massachusetts.



Project: HVAC Condensate Monitoring Device
Submitter: Ken Dwyer, Harvard School of Engineering
Contact: Ken Dwyer
Notes: Condensate monitor to help ensure good indoor air quality.

Project: Thankful Chases Pathway
Submitter: A+E Architects, The Valle Group
Contact: A+E Architects, The Valle Group
Notes: Highly efficient affordable housing in Harwich, Massachusetts.

Project: Hobbs Brook Office Park
Submitter: Margulies Peruzzi Architects
Contact: Barbara Hicks
Notes: Two LEED Gold office buildings with innovative design.

Project: Weston Corporate Center: Deep Water Source Cooling
Submitter: Boston Properties
Contact: Andrea Simpson
Notes: A separate submission for the highly innovative deep water-cooling system implemented at the Weston Corporate Center.

Project: Mayor Sheila Doyle Russell Youth and Community Center, Cambridge
Submitter: Cambridge Seven Associates, Inc.
Contact: Stephanie Greenfield
Notes: Beautiful and thoughtful LEED Silver youth center in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Project: Green Building Guidelines
Submitter: University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Contact: Ludmilla Pavlova
Notes: Guidelines for the whole UMass campus for design and construction of green facilities.

Project: Historical Renewable Homes
Submitter: Arrowstreet Architects
Contact: Jim Batchelor
Notes: Highly innovative implementation of deep energy retrofit to a historical residence in Brookline, Massachusetts.



Project: Human Needs Project
Submitter: Kao Design Group
Contact: Kao Design Group
Notes: Proposed community center in Kibera, Kenya designed to provide sanitation, energy, and community services in an innovative package.

Project: Lowell Trial Court
Submitter: Finegold Alexander + Associates Inc.
Contact: Finegold Alexander + Associates Inc.
Notes: Proposed Zero Net Energy large scale building in Lowell, Massachusetts.

Project: Private Residence
Submitter: Mostue & Associates (Davis Square Architects, Inc.)
Contact: Brooks Mostue
Notes: Retrofit of existing large home in Lincoln, using innovative technologies and design.

Project: ReVision Furniture
Submitter: Artists for Humanity
Contact: Jamison Sellers
Notes: Fun and resource efficient use of plastic bags taken from the trash to create furniture and other materials. The project was undertaken with high school students from the Boston area.