

# CLIMATE and ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

RECOGNIZING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO KEY CLIMATE AND ENERGY ISSUES IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION.



METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

**Council of Governments**



## RECOGNIZE

Environmental Achievement

## ENCOURAGE

Advancement of Regional Goals

## FOSTER

Healthy Competition

## LEARN

From Each Other

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FROM APRIL 15 - JUNE 30, 2015

### PURPOSE

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors adopted the ambitious greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals of 20% by 2020 and 80% by 2050 (below 2005 levels). To meet these goals, COG realizes extraordinary effort is needed by visionary leaders in the public, private and non-profit sectors. The Awards Program was established to celebrate innovative achievements in GHG emission reduction and encourage others to take action. The Program also provides an opportunity to foster healthy competition as well as an opportunity to learn from each other.

### RECOGNITION

Climate and Energy Leadership Award winners will be recognized in front of local, regional and national officials. COG will showcase winners to bring recognition to their successes and to serve as a role model for the National Capital Region. This type of public recognition can encourage continued and enhanced efforts of winning communities and organizations. Winners will also be recognized with a stunningly unique, environmentally-friendly award that is hand-crafted by a local artist.

### ELIGIBILITY

Four applicants will be recognized with a Climate and Energy Leadership Award in the fall of 2015. One award will be provided to each of the following categories:

- **Small/Medium Community** (population under 100,000)
- **Large Community** (population over 100,000)
- **Non-Profit Organization**
- **Private Business**

Each applicant must be located in the [National Capital Region](#). All local governments and school systems in the region are eligible to apply for the community award. COG member jurisdictions as well as non-member towns in the region are eligible.

### HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be submitted [online](#) or emailed to [Maia Davis](#) no later than June 30, 2015. Applications must include a project summary file that is a maximum of three pages long and include organization and project information, an overview, and clear descriptions on how it meets the four judging criteria: **Results, Creativity, Model** and **Engagement**. Please read the Awards Program's [Procedures and Guidelines](#) for full details on judging criteria, judging process, and application requirements prior to submitting an application.