CLIMATE & ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

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

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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FROM **APRIL 22 - JUNE 22, 2016**

PURPOSE
The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) created the Climate and Energy Leadership Award to recognize organizations in the region for their pursuit of environmental opportunities and stewardship in line with greater regional greenhouse gas reduction goals. This program highlights and encourages leading practices in a broad range of climate solutions in the National Capital Region (NCR). Join the friendly competition!

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

ELIGIBILITY
Four applicants from the NCR will be recognized with a Climate and Energy Leadership Award for leading practices in greenhouse gas reduction, built environment and infrastructure, renewable energy, transportation, land use, sustainability and/or resilience programs. Entrepreneurs of resource conservation, cutting edge technology, and environmental justice initiatives are encouraged to apply. The award categories include:

- **Local Community** (municipalities and counties of all sizes)
- **Educational Institution** (K-12, public, private, higher education etc.)
- **Non-Profit Organization**
- **Private Business**

HOW TO APPLY
Applications can be submitted online or emailed to Maia Davis no later than June 22, 2016. Applications must include a project summary file that is a maximum of three pages long and give clear description on how it meets the four judging criteria:

- **Results** (results, achievements, cost-effectiveness and measured outcomes)
- **Creativity** (innovative, resourceful and/or unique aspects)
- **Model** (replicability to other communities/organizations)
- **Engagement** (effectivly addressing, engaging and impacting population)

Please read the Awards Program's Procedures and Guidelines for full details on judging criteria, judging process and application requirements.