



Sustainable Construction and Innovation Award

This award recognizes sustainable construction and innovation that is having proven economic, environmental and/or social benefits, contributing to sustainable building practices. The innovation should be recognized as a robust **building project, product, or service**, to which the market is responding with enthusiasm.

Criteria

This award is open to VRCA members. In order to be eligible for consideration the VRCA member has done one of two things:

1. Developed an **innovative product** that is having proven economic, environmental and/or social benefits, contributing to sustainable building practices, or;
2. Developed an **innovative service** that is having proven economic, environmental and/or social benefits, contributing to sustainable building practices.

Sustainable Product Design

Sustainable products might have one or more of the following characteristics:

- Create no waste (e.g. they are compostable (biodegradable plates/ bags), made from recycled materials or fully recyclable) and designed to reduce green house gas emissions.
- Use clean energy (e.g. use solar panel, wind turbine, person- powered (like a wind-up radio), rechargeable batteries etc) or produced by renewable energy
- Run with less (e.g. efficient cars, water or energy efficient appliances or collect rain water) and have low embodied energy (i.e. made locally and produced using energy efficient practices) or diminish unnecessary materials use and enhance recyclability.
- Are Safe (e.g. organic, non toxic, low VOC content)
- Care for people (e.g. fair trade, provide information on sustainability such as sustainable building, schools etc)
- Have a recognized third party label (e.g. environmental choice, fair-trade certification, organic label etc)

Sustainable Service Design

Sustainable services include developing new services that support sustainability by either:

- purchasing
- using
- advising
- supporting or promoting sustainable products, practices and/or behaviors

The service therefore encourages:

- reduction of waste
- increased use of clean, renewable energy, (i.e. reduce GHG emissions)
efficient use of resources (raw materials, energy water etc)
- increased use of safe/ non toxic products
care for people
- sustainable practices throughout business operations

VRCA Sustainable Construction and Innovation Award Nomination Form

Name of Company/Individual applicant): _____

Worksite location of Innovation (city/town): _____

Company President or CEO: _____ Title: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone/Fax/Email: _____

Application submitted by: _____ Position: _____

Mailing address of person submitting: _____

Phone/Fax/Email of person submitting: _____

Name of recipient as it should be inscribed on the award if received: _____

Industry Sector	<input type="checkbox"/> General Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> Trade Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier
Name of Innovation	
Brief Description of Innovation	<p><i>Submissions must clearly address and identify in their brief description of the innovation the following;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is this program, process, or technique unique or innovative? • What barriers had to be overcome? • How does the innovation contribute to sustainable building practices? • Is the information current? • Does the innovation translate new ideas into practice? Explain. <p>Submissions not addressing these criteria may be returned for further attention</p>

Submissions become the property of VRCA and will not be returned. The decisions of the judges are final and binding. Vancouver Regional Construction Association reserves the right to publish submission details, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPP) Act*, and may request finalists to appear for publicity reasons, including attendance at an awards ceremony. Vancouver Regional Construction Association's staff and panel of judges must be allowed to visit the workplace to verify the entry

A complete nomination package must be delivered to the VRCA office by August 22, 2011

Please return complete application package to:
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