

QATAR GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL LAUNCHES SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

Awards to Honour Local Organisations Contributing to a Sustainable Future

Doha, Qatar, 3 October 2016: Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC) recently launched the 'Qatar Sustainability Awards', established to commend the commitment and contributions of organisations in advancing sustainable development and environmental protection in Qatar and beyond.

'The Qatar Sustainability Awards' are comprised of six categories: 'Green Buildings', for buildings constructed or remodelled in accordance with sustainability standards; 'Green Hospitality', open to hotels that apply sustainability best practices; 'Green Service Provider', honouring construction companies committed to sustainability; 'Sustainability Initiatives', recognising start-ups furthering sustainability within societies; 'Building Products & Technologies', technologies that contribute to the green building industry; and 'Applied Green Research', recognising completed research projects that have released significant research findings.

Engineer Meshal Al Shamari, QGBC Director, said: "In recent years, the sustainability movement in Qatar has really begun to gain traction, with more organisations across all sectors actively seeking out ways to advance their sustainability practices. We believe it's time that these efforts are brought to light and given the recognition they deserve. 'The Qatar Sustainability Awards' also serve to raise awareness about sustainability and encourage the wider community to do their part towards building a greener future."

Award categories are open to all organisations operating in the region including public and private sector enterprises, associations, consultants and industry practitioners.

All nominations will be reviewed by an expert panel of judges comprised of senior sustainability practitioners and academics. Shortlisted nominations will be announced on 30th October. The winners will be announced at the Qatar Green Building Council Conference taking place from 13th to 15th November.

Hamoda Yousef, Head of Communications at QGBC, said: "Through the six award categories, and several sub-categories, we have comprehensively covered all sectors and practices most relevant to the industry. We anticipate receiving a host of nominations that will no doubt

make for an exciting and competitive selection process. QGBC looks forward to learning about and celebrating outstanding initiatives that are making great strides towards sustainability. We welcome nominations and wish all nominees the best of luck.”

Members of the industry are encouraged to nominate their organisations to showcase how they are making an active contribution towards achieving sustainability in the region. To submit a nomination in one or more of the six categories, an application form needs to be completed through: <http://qatargbc.org/conference/awards>.

The logo of Qatar Sustainability Awards was designed by Peter Grapsopoulos, a Doha-based graphic designer, as part of the public competition recently launched by QGBC. The logo represents the ongoing sustainable growth taking place in Qatar.

All required documents should be sent to ggbconference@qf.org.qa or delivered to the Qatar Green Building Council office. The submission deadline for all nominations is 20th October.

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About Qatar Green Building Council:

Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC) is a non-profit, membership-driven organisation providing leadership and encouraging collaboration in conducting environmentally sustainable practices for green building design and development in Qatar. QGBC also aims to support the overall health and sustainability of the environment, the people, and economic security in Qatar for generations to come. The council, a member of Qatar Foundation, was formally established in 2009 by a decree signed by Her Highness Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser and is helping Qatar on its journey to establish a post-hydrocarbon, knowledge economy and progressive society. Through QGBC, Qatar is part of a network of 80 countries that run active national green building councils under the umbrella of the World Green Building Council.

QGBC's members include, representatives from government, real estate developers, investors, facilities managers, consultants, constructors, manufacturers & suppliers, oil & gas, professional firms, financial services, telecom/technology, academia, NGOs & media.

QGBC is setting up operations from its HQ, organising awareness events, knowledge seminars, training, forums, and networking sessions with the like-minded. To learn more, please visit www.qatargbc.org.

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