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# News Release

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## U.S. Green Building Council South Florida Chapter Announces GalaVerde Award Winners

Lake Worth, FL (September 1, 2010) -- The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) South Florida Chapter has announced winners of the nonprofit organization's GalaVerde: The 2010 LEEDership and Green Awards Program.

Presented by Bank of America, GalaVerde recognized and honored those outstanding projects, inspirational businesses, dedicated individuals, and instrumental Chapter members who are LEEDing the way to a more sustainable built environment in our South Florida community. More than 450 attendees attended the awards ceremony on August 28 at the Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six Resort in Fort Lauderdale. Winners are as follows:

Outstanding LEED NC Project (Sponsored by Anderson-Moore Construction)

- One Harvard Circle -- Suffolk SE Region Headquarters

Outstanding LEED CI Project (tie) (Sponsored by HAWORTH)

- SEQUIL Systems, Inc. Office
- HOK Miami Office

Outstanding LEED CS Project (The Spinnaker Group)

- EcoPlex at Centrepark West

Outstanding LEED EB Project (Sponsored by FPL)

- Wachovia Financial Center

Outstanding LEED for Homes Project (Sponsored by E3 Building Sciences)

- HGTV 2009 Green Home

Outstanding LEED for Schools Project (Sponsored by Coastal Construction)

- St. Andrews School Moabury Early Years Learning Center

Outstanding Community LEEDer (Sponsored by Advanced Green Technologies)

- Joseph Sanches (School District of Palm Beach County)

Outstanding Green Business (Sponsored by GSD Contracting)

- Pirtle Construction

Outstanding Green Government

- Miami-Dade County

Outstanding Green Elected Official

- Commissioner Doug Coward (St. Lucie County)

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Rick Fedrizzi, CEO and Founding Chair of the U.S. Green Building Council, highlighted the evening of recognition and appreciation for the South Florida green-building community as the event's keynote speaker.

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System, overseen by the U.S. Green Building Council, is a voluntary, consensus-based national rating system for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. LEED addresses all building types and emphasizes state-of-the-art "green" strategies in five areas: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials and resources selection, and indoor environmental quality. LEED Accredited Professionals (LEED APs) have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building techniques and the LEED Green Building Rating System.

In addition to Bank of America as GalaVerde's Presenting Sponsor, other sponsors included Trane South Florida; Calvin Giordano & Associates; Advanced Green Technologies; Coastal Construction; E3 Building Sciences; Florida Power & Light; Anderson-Moore Construction Company; GSD Contracting; Haworth; The Spinnaker Group; Tesla; Southeastern Printing Company; iQuest Productions; NextEra Energy Resources; and the Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six Resort.

To learn more about GalaVerde and the USGBC South Florida Chapter, including access to event photos, visit [www.usgbc.org/aftergala](http://www.usgbc.org/aftergala).

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***The U.S. Green Building Council South Florida Chapter, a nonprofit (501[c][3]) organization, embraces the adoption of innovative building practices that conserve land, energy, water, resources and materials. Its mission is to transform the way buildings and communities are designed, built and operated, enabling an environmentally and socially responsible, healthy and prosperous environment that improves the quality of life. Headquartered in Lake Worth, Florida, the volunteer-governed Chapter has more than 1,000 passionate members and 3,000 friends providing educational programs and services to the South Florida community from its Broward, Miami-Dade and the Keys, Treasure Coast and Palm Beach Branches. To learn more: Lee Cooke, Executive Director, 561-373-7367, [lcooke@usgbc.org](mailto:lcooke@usgbc.org), [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org).***