Finalists Announced for Annual FGBC Florida Green Awards Luncheon March 23 in Orlando

The Florida Green Building Coalition annual awards luncheon is Friday, March 23 from noon till 2 p.m. at the Doubletree By Hilton Orlando Downtown, 60 S. Ivanhoe Blvd.

REGISTER FOR LUNCHEON

LIST OF FINALISTS

The group rate is $139 per night for Thursday, March 22. The Discount Rate Has Been Extended to Friday, March 2, 2018

Call (866) 247-3571 or (407) 425-4455 Option #1 referencing: Group name: FLORIDA GREEN Code: FGE

For extended or additional reservation assistance call Jazmin Greene at (407) 425-4455 ext 6048.

FGBC To Participate in MiaGreen March 14-15

The Florida Green Building Coalition will be at the MiaGreen Expo March 14-15 at the Miami Airport Convention Center. Stop by the FGBC 'Florida Green' booth.

The ninth edition of show concentrates on key energy related fields including green building that have an impact on the most efficient and sustainable use of energy.

Specialized energy courses and sessions by experts in the field, supported and powered by major organizations like Association of Energy Engineers, among others.
Florida Green Building Coalition Partners with SEBC to Create 'Florida Green' Opportunities

Founding FGBC President Drew Smith Re-appointed to Florida Building Commission

Drew Smith of Two Trails, the Florida Green Building Coalition founding president and former board member has been reappointed to the Florida Building Commission.

Two Trails, a world-wide sustainable building consulting firm, was founded by Smith, a third-generation builder, and a highly respected national expert on sustainability.

Drew was the first Governor appointed Green Building Commissioner for the State of Florida.

The reNEWable Living Home Featured at 2018 RESNET Building Performance Conference

The Florida Green Building Coalition just took part in the 2018 RESNET Building Performance Conference in Orlando.

RESNET and EnergySmart Builder Meritage Homes, offered attendees a chance to see

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Education Opportunities

- Energy Star Webinars
- Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC)
- Building America Webinars
- Build Your Future Scholarships
- Multi-Family & High-Rise Webinars

Calendar of Events

- March 14 - 15 MiaGreen Expo & Conference
  Miami Airport Convention Center
  Miami, Fla.
  [MORE]
  - March 23 FGBC Annual Awards Luncheon
    DoubleTree Downtown Orlando
    Orlando, Fla.
    [MORE]
  - June 7-8, 2018 ULI Florida Conference
    The Ritz-Carlton, Naples
    Naples, Florida
    [MORE]
  - June 6-8 Florida Planning & Zoning Association Annual Meeting
    ALOFT Hotel
    Orlando, Fla.
    [MORE]
  - June 26-29 Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference
    Hyatt Regency Orlando
    Orlando, Fla.
    [MORE]
  - Aug. 15-18
tomorrow's home today.

A special feature of the conference was a breakout session and an onsite tour of Meritage Home's premier reNEWable Living Home.

The concept home is located at Parkside in Orlando, a short distance from the Lake Buena Vista Resort, site of the RESNET 2018 Conference.

The renewable concept home has a HERS Score of 16, in the 1% of high performing homes and exemplifies the industry's best practice for home energy.

FROM THE HILL: Sections 179D & 45L Green Incentives Retroactively Extended for 2017

On February 9, the Bipartisan Budget Act was passed, providing a one-year retroactive extension for the Section 179D energy efficient building deduction and the Section 45L tax credit for multi-family and residential units.

The extension allows projects placed in service in 2017 to be certified for qualifying energy tax incentives.

Though the original expectation was that a two year extension would be passed, members of the House Ways and Means committee were reluctant to pass a longer term bill.

They are planning on holding hearings later this year to examine which extenders could be removed from a future longer term package.

The retroactive passage of Sections 179D and 45L combined with the December Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, provides excellent opportunities to maximize the value of 2017 tax filings.
FGBC Executive Director C.J. Davila presented the Florida Green story to the annual partners meeting of the Florida Regional Council Association in Tallahassee.

Davila with Pat Steed, Executive Director, Central Florida Regional Planning Council and Chair of the FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Council.

Projects Eligible for Central Florida Awards

Florida Green Building Coalition projects and members in Central Florida can be nominated for a 2018 LEEDership Award.

The USGBC Central Florida LEEDership Awards recognize and honor outstanding projects, businesses and individuals.

To be eligible, the project must have achieved certification between January 1, 2015 and January 31, 2018 and be located in Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, or Volusia County.

Nominations must be submitted by March 9, 2018. The awards ceremony is April 14 in Orlando.

LEARN MORE
Earth Day Network announced that April 22, Earth Day 2018 will focus on mobilizing to End Plastic Pollution, including creating support for an effort to eliminate single use plastics along with uniform regulation for the disposal of plastics.

Earth Day Network will leverage the platform of Earth Day and the growing interest in the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day in 2020 as a catalyst for action.