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Winners of the Eighth Annual BetterBricks Awards Announced

Awards honor champions in Oregon and SW Washington for green building

Portland, Ore. – The [2011 BetterBricks Awards](#) event honored Oregon and SW Washington’s leading green building professionals who own, design, build and operate commercial buildings at the Portland Hilton hotel this morning. Kevin Kampschroer, Director of the Office of Federal High Performance Green Buildings for the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), was the keynote speaker. He spoke to over 300 attendees about his experience in overseeing the green building program for GSA with a focus on energy efficiency. Kampschroer also discussed the importance of including tenants in the decision-making process to get the best energy-saving and other resource-conserving results.



The BetterBricks Awards celebrate the champions of energy efficiency whose forward-thinking business practices set the industry standard for sustainability in commercial real estate. The Awards recognize architects, engineers, developers, building owners, property managers, building operators, facility managers and other building professionals for their leadership in reducing the use of energy and other resources in our commercial buildings.

“Northwest green building professionals lead the country in their commitment to energy efficiency,” said Claire Fulenwider, Executive Director of the [Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance \(NEEA\)](#). “Our high caliber winners this year are making impressive strides in both the private and the public sector and demonstrate that through innovation and collaboration, we can accomplish significant energy savings.”

Winners and finalists were selected in the following categories:

- **Owner/Decision Maker:** Winner – Bill Wyatt, Executive Director, Port of Portland; Winner – Greg Herrenbruck, Director of Design and Construction, New Seasons
- **Architecture:** Winner – Lisa Petterson, Manager of Sustainability Group, SERA Architects; Finalist – Phil Beyl, Managing Principal, GBD Architects; Finalist – James Meyer, Principal, Opsis Architecture
- **Design Engineer:** Winner – Omid Nabipoor, President, Interface Engineering; Winner – Steven Straus, President, Glumac
- **Facility Manager / Building Operations:** Winner – Lewis & Clark Facilities Services Team; Finalist – Rose Quarter Operations Team
- **Property Manager:** Winner – Unico Portland Property Management Team
- **Outstanding Industry Contribution:** Winner – Mark Frankel, Technical Director, New Buildings Institute
- **Emerging Leader:** Winner – Kipp Baratoff, Partner/President, Equilibrium Capital Group, Gerding Edlen Sustainable Solutions
- **Advocate:** Winner – Elaine Aye, Principal, Green Building Services; Winner – Clark Brockman, Director of Sustainability Resources/Associate Principal, SERA Architects

Winners were selected by a panel of judges comprised of industry professionals, utility representatives and green building experts.

To achieve high performance buildings, award winners have used and promoted a variety of best practices such as maximizing local climate in the design, employing early design decision-making and energy modeling, supporting building commissioning, educating tenants and brokers about sustainability and implementing better building operations. Their projects have achieved substantial energy savings, reduced building operation and maintenance costs and enhanced productivity of building occupants among other benefits.

BetterBricks is the commercial building initiative of the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA), which is supported by Northwest electric utilities. Through BetterBricks, NEEA advances ideas to accelerate energy savings in new and existing commercial buildings. BetterBricks education and training, online resources and recognition of industry leaders guide and inspire building professionals to embrace best practices, improve energy performance and achieve their sustainability goals. Visit www.BetterBricks.com to connect to these powerful energy ideas and more.

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