12th Awards of Excellence Winners Announced: Celebrating outstanding green roofs and walls across North America

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Green Roofs for Healthy Cities is pleased to announce the winners of the 2014 Awards of Excellence. Steven Peck, president of Green Roofs for Healthy Cities (GRHC), announced the winners in the lead-up to CitiesAlive®: 12th Annual Green Roof and Wall Conference in Nashville, TN (www.citiesalive.org). “GRHC is very pleased to celebrate this year’s Awards of Excellence winners for their outstanding contributions to living architecture design,” said Peck.

“The caliber and quality of living architecture design and execution continued to increase this year. For many projects, the level of integration and range of attributes demonstrates a certain maturity of the green roof/wall industry,” said Awards judge David Yocca, principal landscape architect/planner at Conservation Design Forum. “Many submitted projects illustrate the potential for living architecture to be greater than the sum of the parts, and amplify the performance and utility of built infrastructure for many audiences at the same time. The diversity of project types illustrates how living architecture has progressed from obscurity to mainstream, and how the technology can be adapted to virtually any context, use, or economic condition,” he added.

The Awards will be formally presented at CitiesAlive (November 12-15, 2014) at the Omni Nashville Hotel on Thursday, November 13th. This year’s conference theme is Water: The Key to Everything Green, featuring cutting-edge designs, new technical performance research, innovative policy work, a trade show with industry leaders, and informative professional training and tours.

Visit www.greenroofs.org for more information about the Awards (including photos and background materials). Visit www.citiesalive.org for conference, event, and media registration. For conference media passes contact Jennifer Foden Wilson at jfodenwilson@greenroofs.org

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2014 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE WINNERS

**Intensive Institutional Award**
Project: P.S. 6 Eric Dutt Eco Center, New York, NY
Award Recipient: MKM Landscape Architecture PC
When P.S.6’s beloved science teacher Eric Dutt suddenly died in 2007, leaving his dream of a rooftop garden and greenhouse unfulfilled, the school community rallied around the idea of bringing his dream to life.

**Small-Scale Residential Award**
Project: Kimball Ave., Chicago, IL
Award Recipient: Omni Ecosystems
The new green roof addition to this beautiful building has attracted local fauna that had previously been pushed out of downtown Chicago.

**Extensive Industrial/Commercial Award**
Project: Midtown High Rise, New York, NY
Award Recipient: New York Green Roofs
Transforming a corporate office building into a lush green oasis in midtown Manhattan, this green roof offers staff of a booming realty company an unusually peaceful respite amidst the constant stress of a bustling city.

**Special Recognition Award**
Project: Music City Center, Nashville, TN
Award Recipient: Roofmeadow and Greenrise Technologies
The Music City Center, a focal point for conventions, meetings and green infrastructure in the new capital of the Mid-South, sports an enormous extensive green roof.

**Extensive Institutional Award**
Project: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Southwest Fisheries Science Center, San Diego, CA
Award Recipient: Jeffrey L. Bruce & Co.
When buildings are placed on world class sites they require a unique design that responds to both the opportunities and challenges. The NOAA Southwest Fisheries Project goes beyond a sustainable response to those two issues.
Extensive Residential Award
Project: Silver City Townhomes, Milwaukee, WI
Award Recipient: Xero Flor America
This urban infill development provides high-quality, sustainable, and affordable housing with ultra lightweight green roofs for working families earning less than the area's median income.

Interior Green Wall Award
Project: Social Sciences Building, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON
Award Recipients: Diamond Schmitt Architects / KWC Architects / NEDLAW Living Walls
This six-story wall of tropical plants is not only a stunning interior feature but also a valuable component of the building’s air exchange system.

Exterior Green Wall Award
Project: The Shoppes at Kingsbury Square, Chicago, IL
Award Recipient: Wolff Landscape Architecture
The green facade at the Shoppes of Kingsbury Square along the Chicago River demonstrates how green walls can be successful components in a holistic design approach using best management practices for stormwater.

Intensive Industrial / Commercial Green Roof Award
Project: Whole Foods Market, Lynnfield, MA
Award Recipient: Recover Green Roofs, LLC
The vegetables, herbs, and flowers on this rooftop farm are harvested and maintained using organic farming practices, producing approximately 10,000 pounds of produce annually.