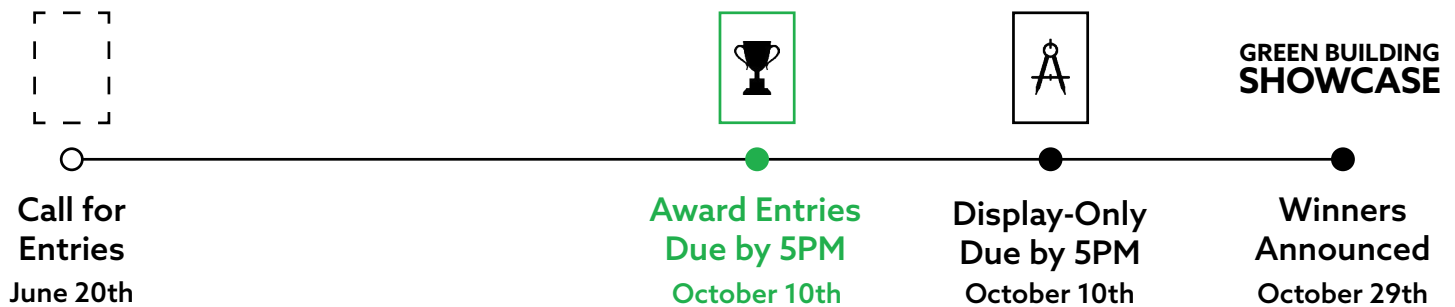# 2024 Call for Entries
GREEN BUILDING
SHOWCASE

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2024 GBS AWARDS PROGRAM SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Every year, Built Environment Plus highlights the successes of the local green building community with our annual Green Building Showcase Awards Program and Celebration. Projects may be submitted for consideration in the GBS Awards Program, and all entries will be displayed in the GBS '24 Project Gallery on October 29th. Projects may also be submitted as Display-only Submissions for the Project Gallery.

Call for Entries
June 20th

Award Entries Due by 5PM
October 10th

Display-Only Due by 5PM
October 10th

GREEN BUILDING SHOWCASE

Winners Announced
October 29th

SUBMIT YOUR WORK FOR AWARD CONSIDERATION

Have a project or product that you believe deserves recognition? Enter it into the BE+ GBS '24 Awards Program, which features the Category Award Series and the Green Building of the Year Award.

Choose which award category you want to compete in. If you want to submit more projects, or enter a single project into multiple award categories, you may purchase additional entries. The board you submit for award entry will be displayed at the Green Building Showcase on Oct. 29th.

Through the completion of the submission form, and the design of your gallery board, you will be able to make the case to our judges as to why your project is the category leader.

THE JUDGING CRITERIA
- That the entry is designed or built by a Massachusetts company or is located in Massachusetts.
- How well the data provided emphasizes why the entry is leading for the selected award category.
- How innovative the entry is – How does it break new ground?
- How significant of a positive impact the entry has on the environment, social equity, and the economy - How much good does it do?
- How replicable the entry is - Can it be a model for others to copy?

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AWARD ENTRY RULES & REQUIREMENTS
There will be one winner for each award category.

All entries must be designed or built by a Massachusetts company or be in Massachusetts. They can be submitted for other awards with a new entry and fee. All submissions will be displayed at GBS '24 and eligible for People's Choice Award.

2024 GREEN BUILDING OF THE YEAR AWARD

Must be built and completed within the past 5 years (as of 10/29/24). You cannot re-submit an entry that previously won Green Building of the Year at the BE+ Green Building Showcase.

The top three finalists for Green Building of the Year will have the opportunity to give a 3-minute project overview during GBS '24.

TEN CATEGORY LEADER AWARDS:

Carbon and Energy
Equity and Inclusion
Green Home of the Year (*1-4 units*)
Health and Wellness
Site and Landscape

Student Project of the Year (*free entry*)
Sustainable Building Operations
Sustainable Building Renovation
Sustainable Construction Innovation
Sustainable Interior Fit-out

Can be partially completed or completed buildings, innovative products, designs, plans, master plans, landscapes, infrastructure and programs or other sustainable innovations related to the built environment. Full category descriptions available on the BE+ GBS Website.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why are award submissions due so early?
> *Our Judges need time to review all submissions, and we need time to print.*

Does my project need LEED, Passive House, etc. in order to be eligible for an award?
> *No, projects are not required to have certifications in order to be eligible.*

Can I take my board after the showcase?
> *We will hold onto all winning project boards. You are welcome to take all others.*

Does the award entry purchase include admission to GBS on Oct. 29?
> *No - you can purchase tickets here.*

Have any questions or run into any problems?
Reach out to communications@builtenvironmentplus.org or call the office at 617-752-2422.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

1: Purchase Award Entries

[Purchase entries through Eventbrite](#). *(GBS Sponsors be sure to use your promo codes.)*
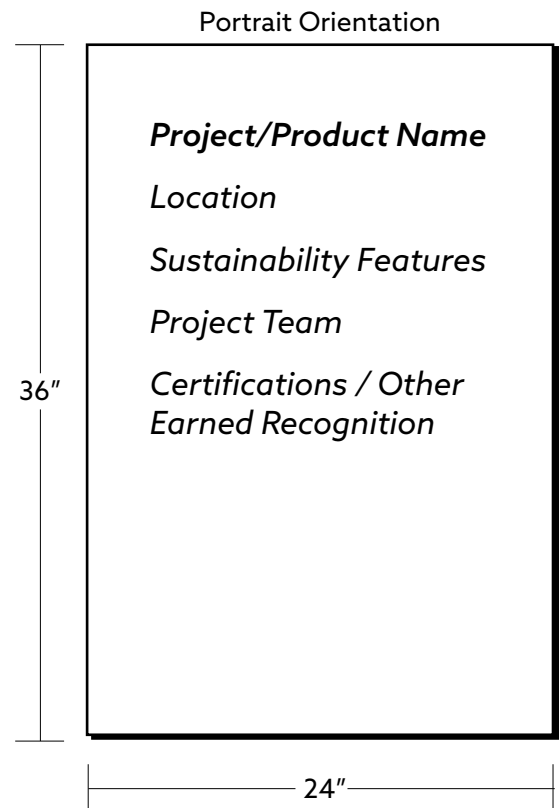
Keep note of your order number. You will need this when submitting your board.

2: Create PDF Board

BE+ will be handling the printing, fabrication, transportation, and displaying of your board.

All you need to do is create a compelling graphic presentation of your submission and match the following requirements:

- 24" x 36" PDF
- Portrait orientation.
- No crop & bleed marks.
- 10MB file size limit
- Text, diagrams, photos, or other graphic elements allowed.
- Must include the project/product name, location, sustainability features, project team, and list any certifications or other earned recognition.

Portrait Orientation

Project/Product Name

Location

Sustainability Features

Project Team

Certifications / Other Earned Recognition

36"

24"

3: Complete Submission Form + Upload PDF

Submission form fields:

- Award category (*see [Award Submissions page](#) for full details*)
- Eventbrite order number
- Full name, email address, phone number, and company of submitter.
- Project title, team, and completion date (or Anticipated Date)
- Project Description (<300 words)
- Any data that emphasizes how your project is qualified for selected award category
- How innovative is your entry – How does it break new ground? (<300 words)
- What is the significance of the entry's positive impact on the environment, social equity, and the economy? How much good does it do? (<300 words)
- How replicable is your project? How can the entry be a model for others? (<300 words)

[Complete submission form and upload PDF to form.](#)

4: Purchase Tickets to Attend GBS 2024 Awards Celebration, Oct. 29 2024

[Purchase tickets through Eventbrite](#). *(GBS Sponsors be sure to use your promo codes.)*

Learn more at [builtenvironmentplus.org/greenbuildingshowcase/](#)