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### U.S. EPA and NGOs unveil award criteria and nomination deadline for new Climate Leadership Awards

*New national program will recognize corporate, organizational, and individual leadership  
on climate change*

**September 14, 2011 – Washington, DC** – Today the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in partnership with The Climate Registry (The Registry), the Pew Center on Global Climate Change (Pew Center), and the Association of Climate Change Officers (ACCO), announced that the nomination period is open for the new [Climate Leadership Awards](#).

The **Climate Leadership Awards** will support a legacy for EPA's Climate Leaders program and will recognize exemplary corporate, organizational, and individual leadership in response to climate change. Nominations are due no later than **October 14, 2011**.

"With the creation of the Climate Leadership Awards, EPA is pleased to be joining with these exemplary organizations in recognizing extraordinary leadership in the reduction of greenhouse gases (GHG) in response to climate change," said Elizabeth Craig, EPA's Acting Director of the Office of Atmospheric Programs.

Detailed criteria and the nomination forms for each of the five recognition categories are available online at [www.epa.gov/climateleaders/awards/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/climateleaders/awards/index.html). The categories are:

- **Excellence in Greenhouse Gas Management: Goal Setting Certificate**  
Recognizing organizations that publicly report and verify corporate GHG inventories and publicly set aggressive absolute GHG emissions reduction goals.
- **Excellence in Greenhouse Gas Management: Goal Achievement Award**  
Recognizing organizations that publicly report and verify corporate GHG inventories and achieve aggressive absolute GHG emissions reduction goals.
- **Supply Chain Leadership Award**  
Recognizing organizations that have their own comprehensive GHG inventories and emissions reduction goals and can demonstrate they are at the leading edge of managing GHGs in their organizational value chains.



- **Organizational Leadership Award**  
Recognizing organizations that exemplify leadership both in their internal response to climate change and through engagement of their peers, competitors, partners, and value chain.
- **Individual Leadership Award**  
Recognizing individuals exemplifying extraordinary leadership in leading their organizations' response to climate change and/or affecting the responses of other organizations.

Businesses with annual revenues over \$100 million and governmental entities and academic organizations with annual budgets over \$100 million are eligible for nomination in the first four recognition categories. In addition to meeting other criteria, nominees must be able to demonstrate that the bulk of their GHG management activities and achievements have occurred within the United States. In the case of the individual leadership award category, nominees must be employees of organizations that are eligible for the other categories and must reside within the United States.

The **Climate Leadership Awards** are designed to motivate, highlight and recognize actions that go beyond business as usual in the management and reduction of GHG emissions both in internal operations and throughout the supply chain. Together, the award winners will illustrate how leadership in the public and private sectors can help make the United States a more sustainable, low-carbon society.

Corporations, organizations, and individuals may self-nominate or nominate others for a **Climate Leadership Award**. Entrants may be nominated for multiple awards. Each category requires a separate submission. EPA and the NGO partners will hold a **webinar at 10am PT/1pm ET on Wednesday, September 21, 2011** to discuss the award criteria, nomination process, and answer questions.

More information about the awards and next week's informational webinar is available at the EPA's **Climate Leadership Awards** web page, <http://www.epa.gov/climateleaders/awards/index.html>.

An event to honor award recipients will take place on the evening of **February 29, 2012** in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in conjunction with the first annual **Climate Leadership Conference, which will be held from February 29-March 1, 2012**. The conference will feature thought leaders from the public and private sectors who will share key insights and innovative ideas on topics related to the awards such as: energy efficiency, clean energy, setting and achieving GHG reduction goals, engaging supply chains, addressing climate risks, and other practical applications for managing and reducing emissions. Conference details will be regularly updated at [www.climateleadershipconference.org](http://www.climateleadershipconference.org).



### About The Climate Registry

The Climate Registry provides organizations with hands-on, personalized service and resources to help them measure, verify, report and manage their GHG emissions in a publicly transparent and credible way. The Registry was established in 2007 as a 501 (c)(3) by US states and Canadian provinces and today is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of senior officials from 40 US states, the District of Columbia, 13 Canadian provinces and territories, six Mexican states and four Native Sovereign Nations. The Registry has more than 430 members who use The Registry's services to measure and manage their emissions, as well as share policy information and best practices in carbon management. For more information see [www.theclimateresistry.org](http://www.theclimateresistry.org).

### About the Pew Center on Global Climate Change

The Pew Center on Global Climate Change ("Pew Center"; [www.pewclimate.org](http://www.pewclimate.org)) is a 501(c)(3) organization that operates under the legal umbrella Strategies for the Global Environment. Formed in 1998, the Pew Center is an internationally recognized pragmatic voice offering credible information and analysis, straight answers, and innovative solutions in the effort to address global climate change. In a highly polarized, controversial and politicized arena, the Pew Center provides a non-partisan forum for constructive engagement between business leaders, policy makers, scientists, and other experts.

### About the Association of Climate Change Officers

The Association of Climate Change Officers is a 501(c)(6) non-profit membership organization for executives and officials worldwide in industry, government, academia and the non-profit community. ACCO's mission is to advance the knowledge and skills of those dedicated to developing and directing climate change strategies in the public and private sectors, and to establish a flexible and robust forum for collaboration between climate change officers. For more information about ACCO, please visit [www.ACCOonline.org](http://www.ACCOonline.org).

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