

Gotham Green Awards®

December 4, 2014

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OFFICIAL RULES

Gotham Green Awards®

Sponsored by Gotham City Networking, Inc.

Three Award Categories:

We have three categories of recognition:

- **Green business or Green initiative** – For companies whose core message and products are green based and/or sustainable.
- **Green product, program or building** - For businesses that have produced, planned or created a singular item that is green and sustainable.
- **Green/sustainable non-profit organization** - For non-profit organizations that focus on, or have created a program or product that they believe contributes to, the global sustainability effort.

Remember:

Gotham members and non-Gotham members may apply or be nominated for Gotham Green Award. However, only Gotham Members (as defined below) can nominate an organization or company for an award category.

Applications and nominations need to be submitted on or before November 7, 2014.

The Gotham Green Awards® (each individual award shall be referred to herein as a “Green Award”) are sponsored by Gotham City Networking, Inc. (“Gotham”).

1. Eligibility:

- a. The Gotham Green Awards® are designed to honor individuals, businesses and organizations working in the following three award eligible categories: (i) a company(ies) whose core message and products are green based and/or sustainable, (ii) a business(es) that have produced, planned or created a singular item that is green and sustainable, and (iii) a non-profit organization(s) that focus on, or have created a program or product that it believes contributes to, the global sustainability effort. Gotham Green Awards® may be awarded to Gotham Members or to non-Gotham Members. Throughout these rules, and any document concerning the Gotham Green Awards®, whenever the phrase “Gotham Member” is used or referenced, it refers to an individual who is a member in good standing of Gotham City Networking, Inc. and whose 2014 annual membership dues are paid in full.
- b. By submission of an application for a Gotham Green Award®, or by nominating a person, business or organizations for a Gotham Green Award®, applicants and nominators shall automatically agree to the terms and conditions set forth in these Official Rules of the Gotham Green Awards®. Applicants or nominees who fail to agree to the terms and conditions contained herein shall be automatically disqualified from consideration for a Gotham Green Award®.

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2. Application/Nomination Period: Applications and nominations for the awards will be accepted through November 7, 2014 (this date may be extended in the discretion of the below referenced Judges).
3. Information. Information about the Gotham Green Awards® may be obtained by clicking on the appropriate link found on [Gotham Green Awards](#)
4. Submission of Application/Nomination: Individuals and organizations may be eligible to receive a Green Award after applying on their own behalf for the award or being nominated by a Gotham Member for an award. Applicants and nominees for awards need not be Gotham Members. Forms for submission may be downloaded from <http://www.gothamnetworking.com/m/events/view/Gotham-Green-Awards-2014-09-29>. Nominations and applications for the awards are to be submitted in Adobe pdf format via email to greenawards@gothamnetworking.com. Handwritten submissions must be legible, and if they are not the Judging Committee (as defined below) reserves the right to reject the submission. Nominations and applications are to be submitted on or prior to November 7, 2014, but the Judging Committee (as defined below) reserves the right to accept submissions received after the deadline.
5. Award Process:
 - a. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of judges selected from the Gotham leadership (the panel of judges is herein referred to collectively as the "Judging Committee"). Gotham reserves the right to remove or add new judges to the Judging Committee at its sole discretion. Judges may not (i) nominate individuals, businesses or organizations for the Gotham Green Awards®, (ii) apply for an award, or (iii) be eligible to be nominated for the Gotham Green Awards®. After the initial review process, organizations selected as finalists will be contacted by Gotham. Organizations may be required to attend in-person interviews, and/or provide additional information or documentation to assist in the review of their relevant submission. Failure by any organization to cooperate in the review process of the submission for their organization, for whatever reason, shall be reason for disqualification. If a person, business or other organization which has been nominated for a Green Award does not (i) accept their nomination for a Green Award, or (ii) agree to the terms and conditions of these Official Rules, such person, business or other organization shall be ineligible for a Green Award.
 - b. Dates and/or other information provided herein are subject to change at Gotham's sole discretion and any changes will be posted on Gotham's website (www.gothamnetworking.com), and may also be emailed to the individuals who receive Gotham's proprietary listserve known as Fredslist. The Gotham Green Awards® are subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations. Finalists will be determined in the sole discretion of the judges, and verified by Gotham, based upon the information provided about each applicant or nominee during the award process and such other information as the judges may consider, which may include, without limitation, any website maintained by the nominee or applicant, and any press or other internet coverage of the applicant or nominee and/or its initiative. Use of the www.gothamnetworking.com or the Gotham list serve known as Fredslist with respect to the Gotham Green Awards® is subject to the Website's Terms of Use and Privacy Policy available on the Website.
6. Disqualification: Applications will not be considered if they fail to comply with these Official Rules or to answer the questions on the application form. Gotham reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any Nominee who violates these Official Rules or any applicable state, federal or local laws, rules or regulations.
7. Awards: The award winner in each category will be recognized at an Awards Ceremony hosted by Gotham's Gotham Green group to be held on December 4, 2014, where each winner will receive an award to be chosen by Gotham. The list of winners will also be announced on the Website and the Fredslist listserve and/or promotional material distributed by Gotham. Gotham may choose not to award in every category, and may Gotham reserves the right to recognize more than one organization in an award category in the form of an honor or merit awards. However, only 1 free Gotham membership shall be available to each award category.
8. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: BY PARTICIPATING IN THE Gotham Green Awards®, APPLICANTS, NOMINATORS AND NOMINEES AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE TERMS OF THESE OFFICIAL RULES AND THE DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES, WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO CLAIM AMBIGUITY IN THE OFFICIAL RULES, AND RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS GOTHAM, THE JUDGES, AND ALL OF THEIR RESPECTIVE AFFILIATES, SUBSIDIARIES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES,**

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OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, SHAREHOLDERS, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES (COLLECTIVELY, "RELEASEES") FROM AND AGAINST ANY INJURIES, LOSSES, DAMAGES, CLAIMS, ACTIONS OR ANY LIABILITY OF ANY KIND RESULTING FROM OR ARISING OUT OF PARTICIPATION IN Gotham Green Awards®. GOTHAM DOES NOT MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION, WARRANTIES OR COVENANTS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, CONCERNING THE Gotham Green Awards® AND ANY MATTER RELATED THERETO.

9. Additional Terms and Conditions:

- a. Applicants and nominees agree that any and all disputes relating to the Gotham Green Awards® shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York, without regard to conflicts of laws principles. Should a dispute arise concerning the Gotham Green Awards® the parties agree to submit their dispute to binding arbitration before David Abeshouse, Esq. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association as determined by the Arbitrator. Should any part of these Official Rules be held invalid or unenforceable, that portion shall be construed consistent with applicable law and the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.
- b. Any inquiries which cannot be answered by going to www.gothamnetworking.com and clicking on the link related to the Gotham Green Awards® are to be made to greenawards@gothamnetworking.com. Under no circumstances are the Judges to be contacted directly.
- c. Gotham and/or the Judges are not responsible for printing or typographical errors in any related materials; or for material submitted during the Nomination Process that is lost, misdirected, fails to enter into the processing system or is processed, reported or transmitted late or incorrectly or is lost for any reason including, but not limited to, computer, telephone, paper transfer, mail system, human or other error; or for electronic, computer or telephonic malfunction or error including, but not limited to, inability to access the Website or process any transaction thereon.
- d. Gotham reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any application submitted fraudulently or by any individual who tampers with or does not follow the Award Process. Gotham reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate, modify and/or suspend the Award Process and Gotham Green Awards®.
- e. Gotham reserves the right to seek damages and other remedies from any person who deliberately damages the Website, the Fredslist list serve or undermines the Award Process and to prosecute such actions to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- f. All materials submitted pursuant to these Official Rules shall become the property of Gotham upon receipt thereof, provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall provide Gotham with any intellectual property or other proprietary rights to the nominated initiative or organization.
- g. Notwithstanding the terms of the preceding subsection (f), the submission of an application for a Green Award by an applicant, and/or the acceptance of a nomination for a Green Award by a nominee, constitutes a perpetual non-exclusive license to Gotham by the relevant applicant or nominee to use their names, likeness, and information contained within the application/nomination form, for advertising and promotional purposes without further compensation.

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