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PHIUS receives Outstanding Organization award at 2017 Emerald Awards

Annual green building fundraiser and awards ceremony recognizes Illinois leaders in sustainable technology and design

Chicago, IL — June 5, 2017 — The U.S. Green Building Council-Illinois (USGBC-Illinois) awarded PHIUS the 2017 Emerald Award for outstanding sustainability projects. PHIUS received the Intent to Matter: Outstanding Organization award for its national impact in combating global climate change by advocating for a mainstream high-performance passive building standard.

More than 500 industry leaders in the sustainability and dynamic green building fields gathered to honor the top organizations, projects and technologies in Illinois. The award specifically recognized PHIUS's commitment to professional training and building certification, adding that PHIUS has certified over 1 million square feet.

"We are proud to be recognized for our commitment to certifying PHIUS+ projects, which also meet the DOE's Zero Energy Ready Home label and automatically qualify for multiple LEED v4 Homes credits," said PHIUS director Katrin Klingenberg. "We are even more proud that our training program is being honored for excellence. It is really all about the people."

PHIUS was among a number of individuals and organizations that helped place Illinois among the top states for LEED-certified projects for the fifth consecutive year. The awards were presented at Limelight, the USGBC-Illinois annual fundraiser, on May 18, 2017 at the Museum of Broadcast Communication.

About PHIUS

PHIUS is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to making high-performance passive building the mainstream market standard. PHIUS is transforming the building sector by developing and promoting North American specific standards, practices, and certifications for buildings, professionals, and products to create structures that are durable, comfortable, healthy, and super energy efficient.

Founded in 2003, PHIUS has trained over 2,000 architects, engineers, energy consultants, energy raters, and builders in the passive building standard. The organization is the leading passive building research and information provider in North America. PHIUS released the PHIUS+ 2015 climate-specific building standard, developed under a DOE grant in partnership with Building Science Corporation, in March of 2015. In addition to the DOE, PHIUS has also established strategic relationships with key organizations including RESNET and the Home Innovation Research Labs, among others. The organization has received funding from the Richard King Mellon Foundation and, more recently, the John D. and Katherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Through its [Passive House Alliance US \(PHAUS\)](#) program, a membership-based organization with over 800 members across 18 local chapters and dozens of corporate sponsors, PHIUS is building a robust national network of passive building communities across North America.

Learn more at www.phius.org.