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**National Institute of Building Sciences Sustainable Buildings Industry Council
Recognizes Phipps Conservatory**

Pittsburgh, PA – [The National Institute of Building Sciences Sustainable Buildings Industry Council \(SBIC\)](#) recognized the 2015 *Beyond Green™* High-Performance Building and Community Awards winners last week at the *Beyond Green™* Awards Luncheon, sponsored by the Illuminating Engineering Society and held during **Building Innovation 2016: The National Institute of Building Sciences Fourth Annual Conference and Expo**.

The Award of Merit in Category A: High-Performance Buildings went to the Center for Sustainable Landscapes at [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The 24,350-square-foot Center for Sustainable Landscapes (CSL) at Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens was conceived as a world-class building that provides both a home for administrative and classroom functions and a tool to further the institution's stated mission, "to advance sustainability and promote human and environmental well-being through action and research." The result of a unique, facilitated integrated design process, the CSL generates all its own energy, captures and treats all water on-site, and is the first and only project to attain the planet's highest sustainable building certifications: Living Building Challenge™, LEED® Platinum, 4 Star Sustainable SITES™ and WELL™ Platinum. The project transformed a dilapidated brownfield, once used as a fueling and supply station for the City of Pittsburgh's Department of Public Works, into a 2.9-acre site hosting one of the world's greenest buildings, a landscape of native plants and a slate of science education programs.

"The utilization of an interdisciplinary design charrette to transform this environmentally degraded brownfield site into a highly visible demonstration of what is possible is impressive," said Keith Diaz-Moore, *Beyond Green™* juror and dean of the College of Architecture and Planning at the University of Utah. "The desire to capture and expand local design talent is commendable."

The Honor Award, in the High-Performance Buildings Category went to the United National Headquarters in New York, New York for its sustainable renovation project.

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About Phipps: Founded in 1893, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, Pa. is a green leader among public gardens with a mission to inspire and educate all with the beauty and importance of plants; to advance sustainability and promote human and environmental well-being through action and research; and to celebrate its historic glasshouse. Learn more: phipps.conservatory.org.

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