

**Smart Growth Achievement Award**  
Request for Applications 2009

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EPA is now accepting applications for the eighth annual National Award for Smart Growth Achievement. This competition is open to public- or private-sector applicants that have used the principles of smart growth to create better places. Private-sector applicants are encouraged to submit applications for projects that demonstrate a significant public-private partnership.

Smart growth development enhances the economy, the community, public health, and the environment. Smart growth approaches to development create clear environmental benefits, including improved air and water quality, preservation of critical habitat and open space, and more cleanup and reuse of brownfield sites.

This year, applications will be accepted in five categories:

- Built Projects
- Policies and Regulations
- Smart Growth and Green Building
- Smart Growth Streets
- Overall Excellence in Smart Growth

Interested parties are encouraged to submit applications for smart growth activities that have shown significant activity between April 23, 2004, and April 23, 2009. Successful applicants will have incorporated the principles of smart growth to create places that respect community culture and the environment, foster economic development, and enhance quality of life and public health.

This year, the public-sector winners will receive support for further implementing smart growth strategies in their communities. In addition, public-sector winners will receive one complementary registration to the New Partners for Smart Growth Conference in 2010.

Applications are due on April 23, 2009. Up to five winners will be recognized at a ceremony in Washington, DC in December 2009.

For more details about the National Award for Smart Growth Achievement, including an application packet, visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/awards.htm>