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Director of USGBC's Center for Green Schools Named World Green Building Council Chairman's Award Winner

Rachel Gutter honored for her exceptional work to advance the green schools movement

(Stuttgart, Germany) June 20, 2012 – Rachel Gutter, director of the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council, received the World Green Building Council Chairman's Award this week during the WorldGBC Congress in Stuttgart, Germany. Gutter was given the award for her leadership at the forefront of the green schools movement, and working to make healthy, energy-efficient schools accessible to everyone across the globe. The award was presented by WorldGBC Chairman Rick Fedrizzi.

"It is an honor for me to recognize Rachel for her monumental work with the Center for Green Schools, and for driving the conversation behind a need for sustainable environments where our children can learn to the best of their abilities," said Rick Fedrizzi, chairman of the WorldGBC and president, CEO and founding chair of USGBC. "Rachel's commitment and influence in the global green building and green schools movement makes her an invaluable leader to our organization."

Gutter came to USGBC in 2007 to oversee the launch of LEED for Schools and spearheaded the National Green Schools Campaign. In 2010, the Center for Green Schools was established to drive the transformation of all schools into sustainable and healthy places to live, learn, work and play. In 2011, Gutter's team focused its work around engaging, equipping and deploying people behind the green schools movement, resulting in 48 states with green schools committees, 41 states with USGBC Student groups, 33 states with 50-for-50 Green Schools Caucus initiatives and 208,718 volunteer hours on green schools efforts.

Today, Rachel works to engage students and teachers, parents and school superintendents, elected officials and other policy makers in a national conversation about the relationship between high-performance educational facilities and high-performing students. Rachel is also working to take the Center's work internationally with the first annual Green Apple Day of Service on Sept. 29, 2012, which will involve advocates from around the world in local service projects to improve schools and communities.

Other recipients of the Chairman's Award include: Ms Duygu Erten, founding chief executive officer and vice president of the Turkish Green Building Council; Ms Nicola Milne, founding chief executive officer of the Green Building Council of South Africa; Mr Sadek Owainati from the Emirates Green Building Council; Mr Tim Smit, founder of the Eden Project in Cornwall, UK; and Ms Mirna Terenziani for her contribution to the Green Building Council Italia and for her passion for the green building movement that inspired those around her.

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The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. USGBC works toward its mission of market transformation through its LEED green building certification program, robust educational offerings, a nationwide network of chapters and affiliates, the annual Greenbuild International Conference & Expo, and advocacy in support of public policy that encourages and enables green buildings and communities. For more information, visit usgbc.org and connect on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

About the Center for Green Schools
The Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is how USGBC is making sure every student has the opportunity to attend a green school within this generation. From the kindergartner entering the classroom, to the Ph.D. student performing research in a lab, the Center provides the resources and support to elevate dialogue, accelerate policy and institute innovation toward green schools and campuses. High-performing schools result in high-performing students, and the Center works directly with staff, teachers, faculty, students, administrators, elected officials and communities to drive the transformation of all schools into sustainable places to live and learn, work and play. www.centerforgreenschools.org

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About the World Green Building Council
The World Green Building Council (WorldGBC) is a network of national Green Building Councils (GBCs) from around the world, making it the largest international organisation influencing the green building marketplace. Green Building Councils are member-based organisations that partner with industry and government in the transformation of their building industries towards sustainability through the adoption of green building practices. On the ground in 91 countries, GBCs create change in their local markets as a way to globalise environmentally and socially responsible building practices. Visit: www.worldgbc.org