

2010 Nomination Form
Awards Event Oct. 7

winnebago county *green* business
sustainability is good business

Please submit a statement summarizing accomplishments of nominee on each of the following "Green Criteria." Feel free to edit/delete sections that do not apply. Additional pages or documentation are welcome.

2010 Award Nominee - name of business or organization: **Comprehensive Community Solutions, Inc./YouthBuild Rockford is a "Jobs" oriented organization totally committed to emerging green industries. For the past two years, CCS has been developing and implementing components of a Green Training and Development Center, and has received an award from YouthBuild USA for its efforts. The YouthBuild Rockford Program began doing green building over a year ago. The organization is fulfilling the Rockford community's obligation of having a trained workforce to welcome new businesses, while offering students meaningful training and jobs with sustainable futures. Although CCS/YouthBuild has encountered some obstacles in initiating "green training" to Rockford's underserved youth, the organization continues to be a pillar of hope and achievement in providing solid ladders for advancement to the youth in our economic and social community. The organization is committed to overcoming barriers and obstacles by partnering and collaborating with other government and private organizations in providing sustainable green training and job opportunities to Rockford's youth.**

1. **Renewable Energy Products or Installations**-Salvaged products from deconstruction materials including Bed frames and picnic tables.
2. **Waste Prevention**-Deconstruction projects have kept thousands of pounds of material out of local landfills. These projects include Patterson Lumber Co., Keith Creek (soft stripping), and Nelson Knitting (floor stripping).
3. **Recycling**-Materials claimed from deconstruction projects at Patterson Lumber and The Pump Handle Have included aluminum, steel, and lumber. Building materials resulting from in house recycling and efforts from the Keith Creek clean up are housed for resale at the CCS Re-Use store. Some of these materials include doors, cabinets, fixtures, windows, and molding strips. Salvage Too/Rockford ReUse Center has been open since 2006, keeping tons of materials out of landfills, and offering those gently used items to the general public.
4. **Purchasing**-CCS, Inc. strives to use reclaimed building materials in construction projects.
5. **Energy Conservation**- CCS/YouthBuild partnered with the City of Rockford in construction the first LEED certified home in Rockford at Whitman and Rockton. This home is energy efficient in all areas including additional insulation and in HVAC design.
6. **Water Conservation & Water Quality**- N/A
7. **Transportation** -N/A
8. **Sustainable Site Management**-CCS has received grant funding to install a green roof installation and provide training to YouthBuild participants on sustainable gardening.

9. **Building or Builder-CCS/YouthBuild** Rockford has built four homes in Rockford this year; Two on Concord, Chestnut, Pierpont, and a LEED home on Rockton and Whitman.

10. **Policy (governmental/organizational)** CCS continues to work with the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, and surrounding communities, along with the Northern Stateline Green Jobs Collaborative to understand and adopt policies for the new and emerging green jobs (see next section). In addition, CCS has partnered with Angelic Organics Learning Center on a new program called Eco-Advocates, which provides training to Rockford youth ages 17-21. Eco-Advocates combines academic education, training in green technology and urban agriculture, life skills, and leadership development for young adults out of school and facing barriers to employment.

Other (Please describe)

CCS received a grant from the US Department of Labor to develop and implement three new green job training programs: Deconstruction, Weatherization/Energy Auditing, and Brownfield Remediation. These programs will be implemented beginning in late 2010.

CCS was also recently selected by the City of Rockford as one of its Weatherization Contractors, and has trained and hired a YouthBuild graduate in this work.

Through a partnership with the Illinois Solar Energy Association, APT and YouthBuild Lake County, CCS began offering Solar PV installation training at its campus. A second course in Green Energy is scheduled for November.

Please feel free to compose attachments expanding on the criteria. Thank you for helping everyone learn about "*Who's Going Green*" in Winnebago County. Remember, no effort is too small for our inventory and nominations! We congratulate you on your efforts! ***Deadline for nominations: Sept. 24, 2010.***

Submit this form to: **by e-mail (preferred) to: Allen Penticoff - apenticoff@comcast.net**

By U.S. Mail - WCGB Awards c/o Green Communities Coalition, 6302 11th St., Rockford, IL 61109

There is no fee to enter.

Economic Development

Mission-driven, multi-focused

Education and Training

A Vision for Rockford and Winnebago County in the New Green Economy

Green Business Development Center

Green Charter School

Green Building Materials Outlet

ReUse Center

Building Materials, Furniture, Electronic Recycling and more

GREEN DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING CENTER
An Initiative of Comprehensive Community Solutions Inc.

Wall Panel Factory

Manufacture energy efficient engineered wall/roof panels

Green Jobs Training Programs

Solar Installers
Energy Audit
Weatherization
Urban Gardening
Brownfield Remediation
Other TBA

Deconstruction Business

Deconstruction crews are trained to minimize waste from demolition and conserve resources by salvaging building materials for reuse.

FACILITIES:
Warehouse 78,000 sf.
Small warehouse 7,500 sf

Buildings to be retrofitted as Green, LEED certified, with elements relating to programs

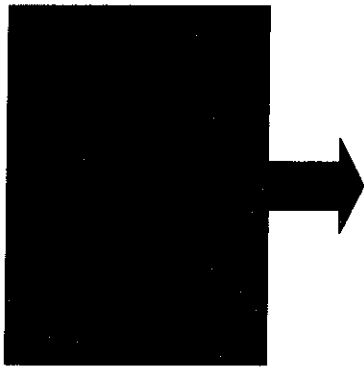
RetroFit Rockford Initiative

Train crews to retrofit residential and commercial buildings for energy efficiency.
Establish a local Clean Energy Corps



CCS Green Initiatives

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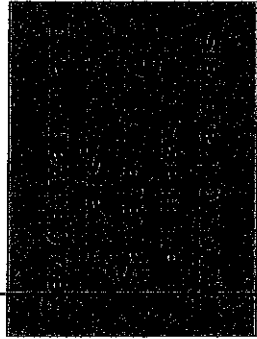


Green Capital Building
Decommissioning
Eco-Train Partnership
Weatherization & Energy
Auditing

Green Business
Initiatives

Eco-Advocates Program
Urban
Agriculture

Solar and Wind
Training



Weatherization
Brownfield
Deconstruction

Green Roof at
CCS

Partnership with APT,
Inc.
Multi-site with
YouthBuild Lake County
and assistance from
ISEA