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**Top U.S. Organizations Recognized at the National Climate Leadership Awards  
*11 organizations, three partnerships and one individual win top honors***

BALTIMORE—The [Center for Climate and Energy Solutions](#) (C2ES) and [The Climate Registry](#) (TCR), in partnership with headline sponsor [Bloomberg Philanthropies](#), today announced the recipients of the 2019 Climate Leadership Awards. This year's award winners include some of the country's most well-known consumer brands, as well as organizations in the manufacturing, financial, technology and academic sectors.

The Awards, which take place during the annual [Climate Leadership Conference](#), showcase and recognize exemplary corporate, organizational, and individual leadership in reducing carbon pollution and addressing climate change.

"The Climate Registry applauds the 2019 Climate Leadership Award winners for their outstanding dedication to climate action," **said Ann McCabe, interim executive director of The Climate Registry.** "These organizations are part of an incredibly important group of leaders who are accelerating the shift to a more sustainable future. We hope that their ability to bring about change will inspire and empower others to act."

"The clean energy economy is coming, and these winners are taking bold action to be leaders in that new economy," **said C2ES President Bob Perciasepe.** "The Climate Leadership Awards recognize the ambitious pace setters who push the envelope. They take action because their customers and citizens demand it, because it's good for business to seize on the clean energy economy, and because we can't leave it for the next generation to solve."

"American businesses are proving that bottom-up climate action isn't just possible – it's happening right now," **said Antha Williams, head of environment programs at Bloomberg Philanthropies.** "From innovations in energy efficiency to bold commitments to cut carbon emissions, the Climate Leadership Award winners highlight the potential for bottom-up climate action to drive progress towards our national climate goals and create sustainable jobs for a sustainable future."

The 2019 Climate Leadership Award recipients are:

**Organizational Leadership Award:**

- **Mars, Inc.:** Improved land use change methods, including measures to more accurately assess emissions impacts; helped to launch the Renewable Thermal Collaborative to scale up renewable heating solutions globally; and participated in the launch of a new corporate leadership platform to diagnose business climate risk throughout the supply chain.
- **PepsiCo:** Identified climate change as a material risk, identifying science-based target for reductions; assessed and disclosed climate-related risks; established a global program to reduce energy, water, and waste; purchased electric semi-trucks to improve efficiency; replaced vendor cooling equipment with efficient models; and implemented sustainable farming practices.
- **Schneider Electric:** Committed to sustainable development goals through its core business; addressed supply chain by mapping end-to-end resource footprint to improve energy efficiency and target a zero waste to landfill goal; and digitized products and instituted opportunities for reuse, repair, and refurbishment.

**Individual Leadership Award:**

- **Nancy Sutley, Chief Sustainability Officer, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP):** Led LADWP to a 42% reduction in greenhouse gases (GHGs), exceeding a 2030 California goal; initiated retrofits of the Los Angeles Aqueduct Filtration Plant for energy savings of approximately 55,000 kWh annually; and helped design the Mayor's Sustainable City pLAN.

**Supply Chain Award:**

- **Cisco Systems, Inc.:** Formalized a supply chain program to target reduced emissions; established a cross-functional management team to plan, monitor, and improve on GHG reduction strategies; and implemented scorecards to monitor suppliers' performance.
- **Mars, Inc.:** Developed a sustainable procurement strategy for raw material production; engage rice growers to adopt alternate irrigation approaches; and formed the Working on Cocoa Forests Initiative to eliminate deforestation.
- **PepsiCo:** Reduced 2017 supply chain Scope 3 emissions by 2.1 million metric tons compared to 2015; contributed \$10 million to The Recycling Partnership for GHG reductions and simplification of recycling; and sustainably source 34% of procured cane sugar.

**Excellence in Greenhouse Gas Management - Goal Achievement Award:**

- **CH2M, now Jacobs:** Reduced GHG emissions 29% from 2012 to 2017, exceeding a 25% goal; reduced vehicle idling time and fuel consumption; and constructed four LEED certified buildings at their Denver headquarters.

- **Cisco Systems, Inc.:** Reduced GHG emissions 41% from 2007 to 2017, exceeding a 40% goal; optimized workspace to reduce energy use and GHG emissions; and manage a \$50 million program for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

#### **Excellence in Greenhouse Gas Management - Goal Setting Certificate:**

- **Cisco Systems, Inc.:** Set a third-generation goal for Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions to reduce 60% of emissions from 2007 to 2022.
- **Comerica, Inc.:** Set a short-term goal for 50% reduction by 2025, a medium-term goal for 65% by 2030; and long-term reduction goal of 100% by 2050, with a 2012 baseline.
- **Harvard University:** Set university-wide goals to be fossil-fuel neutral by 2026 and fossil-fuel free by 2050.
- **IBM:** Set a goal for 40% GHG reductions from 2005 to 2025, along with a complementary goal to increase renewable electricity procurement to 55%.
- **Mastercard:** Set a goal of 20% reduction in GHG emissions from 2016 to 2025.
- **Microsoft Corporation:** Set a goal of 75% reduction in GHG emissions from 2013 to 2030
- **Shire, now part of Takeda:** Set a goal of 20% reduction in GHG emissions from 2016 to 2025

#### **Innovative Partnership Certificate:**

- **American Honda Motor Company:** Recruited 800 dealerships for a program to help identify and implement energy efficiency improvements, achieving \$12.8 million in savings and 59,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.
- **Bank of America and American Forests:** Developed data and action plans for cities to adapt urban forests for climate resilience, incentivizing preservation to maintain urban canopy; and increased coordination among urban forestry professionals.
- **Electric Vehicle Charging Carbon Coalition:** Opened electric vehicle charging systems to innovative financing from carbon capital markets through a new carbon offset methodology and monetized the benefits of the transition to EVs by securing incremental certified carbon credit revenues.

Since the inception of the Climate Leadership Awards and Conference in 2012, more than 130 recipients have been recognized for their climate action. More information on this year's winners is available here: [Link](#).

**About the [Climate Leadership Conference](#):** Hosted at the Four Seasons Hotel Baltimore from March 20-22, 2019, the Climate Leadership Conference (CLC) addresses climate through policy, innovation, and business solutions. The CLC convenes around the Climate Leadership Awards and is presented by the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES) and The Climate Registry.

**About [The Climate Registry](#):** The Climate Registry (TCR) is a non-profit organization governed by U.S. states and Canadian provinces and territories. TCR designs and operates voluntary and compliance GHG reporting programs globally, and assists organizations in measuring, reporting and verifying the carbon in their operations in order to manage and reduce it. TCR also spearheads innovative new projects such as the Water-Energy Nexus Registry. Find out more at [www.theclimateregistry.org](http://www.theclimateregistry.org) and follow on Twitter [@theclimatereg](#).

**About [C2ES](#):** The Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES) is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization working to forge practical solutions to climate change. Our mission is to advance strong policy and action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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