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The Climate Registry Honors Transformative Decarbonization Initiatives at the 13th Annual Climate Leadership Awards in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, OH, May 23, 2024—In a landmark event held at the 13th annual [Climate Leadership Conference](#) from May 21-23, [The Climate Registry](#) unveiled the distinguished recipients of the 2024 [Climate Leadership Awards](#) in Cleveland, Ohio. This year's award winners represent a diverse range of sectors, including technology, construction, financial services, higher education, and public utilities. Notably, the ceremony on May 22 introduced the new Value Chain Leadership award category, adding to the established awards for Organizational Leadership, Innovative Partnership, and Individual Leadership. "At a time when the world urgently needs more climate ambition, these organizations and individuals demonstrate what is possible," stated Amy Holm, Executive Director of The Climate Registry. "Their commitment to decarbonization showcases the transformative impact of climate action, and we hope their achievements will inspire others to follow suit."

The 2024 Climate Leadership Award recipients are:

Innovative Partnership Award Winners

- **DAC CO₂ to Concrete: CarbonCure + Heirloom:** CarbonCure and Heirloom partnered to permanently embed atmospheric CO₂ in concrete, removing over 425,000 metric tons of CO₂, reducing carbon emissions, freshwater usage, and waste material in concrete production.
- **State Funding Readiness Project:** Hua Nani Partners and the U.S. Climate Alliance provided pro bono technical services to empower U.S. states, territories, and local governments to access and deploy federal climate funding, emphasizing capacity building and equity.
- **Port of San Diego in partnership with EConcrete: COASTALOCK interlocking tidal pool system.** The Port of San Diego and EConcrete launched the COASTALOCK interlocking tidal pool system, enhancing shoreline resiliency, ecological armoring, and CO₂ sequestration, with significant improvements in species richness and diversity.
- **Expanding Access to Clean Energy - a partnership among Silicon Ranch and Clearloop, the Paris Board of Public Utilities, and Rivian Automotive:** Silicon Ranch, Clearloop, Paris Board of Public Utilities, and Rivian Automotive expanded clean energy access in coal-reliant areas that will leave a positive impact in the community through economic development, engaging and influencing the next generation into Clean Tech Careers, and renewable infrastructure.
- **Supplier Leadership on Climate Transition:** A partnership of 25 organizations achieved significant climate milestones in 2023, including the development of GHG footprints, Science Based Targets, abatement roadmaps, and CDP disclosures, demonstrating impactful coordinated climate action.

Organizational Leadership Award Winners

- **IBM Corporation:** IBM achieved a 68.5% reduction in operational GHG emissions by 2023, surpassing its 2025 target two years early through comprehensive climate strategies and strong supplier engagement.

- **Berry Global:** Berry Global implemented robust climate management and supplier engagement, significantly reducing emissions and advancing circularity with its More Together Strategy leveraging the Berry community and innovative recycled resin technologies.
- **Abt Global:** Abt Global reduced Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 265 metric tons over two years, driven by a dedicated Climate Office, comprehensive employee training, and innovative policies.
- **Southern California Gas Company:** SoCalGas set an ambitious net-zero goal by 2045, reduced methane emissions and energy use substantially, transitioned 38% of its fleet to low- and zero-emission energy sources by 2023, and has proposed the nation's largest clean renewable hydrogen pipeline system, Angeles Link.

Value Chain Leadership Award Winners

- **Bank of America:** Bank of America reported comprehensively on Scope 3 emissions and set ambitious targets for financed emissions in hard-to-abate sectors, supported by the Net Zero Banking Alliance, and mobilized \$560 billion in sustainable finance
- **Veritas Technologies:** Veritas Technologies addressed emissions from the use of sold products with extensive Scope 3 inventories, stakeholder engagement, and conducting product life cycle assessments.

Individual Leadership Award Winners

- **Adam Klauber, World Energy LLC:** Adam Klauber advanced emission reductions in aviation by pioneering the Sustainable Aviation Fuel certificate (SAFc) framework and forging strategic partnerships.
- **Jabari S. Walker, Bowie State University:** Jabari S. Walker led impactful sustainability initiatives, empowering minority populations and students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities through grassroots efforts.
- **Jeff Burleson, Southern Company:** Jeff Burleson significantly reduced Southern Company's Scope 1 emissions, achieved high transparency scores, and fostered wildlife conservation partnerships.
- **Kira Stoll, University of California, Berkeley:** Kira Stoll set and achieved aggressive sustainability goals at UC Berkeley through a holistic approach, contributing to the campus project at the scale of a medium size city that will reduce Scope 1 carbon emissions by 85%, addressing Scope 3 transportation emissions, and empowering student involvement.
- **Gautami Palanki, Howard Hughes Holdings Inc:** Gautami Palanki substantially reduced emissions in the built environment, led sustainability and product innovation strategies, and mentored future leaders.

Full profiles on the 2024 CLA Award Winners are available on the Climate Leadership Website: [2024 Winners page](#).

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About the [Climate Leadership Conference](#): Hosted at Hilton Downtown Cleveland in Cleveland, Ohio from May 21-23, 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 Climate Registry.

About [The Climate Registry](https://www.theclimateregistry.org): TCR is a non-profit organization that empowers North American organizations to do more in the fight against climate change. TCR operates North America's premier voluntary carbon reporting program and provides best-in-class services and tools that help companies, governments, and institutions reduce their emissions. Find out more at www.theclimateregistry.org.