

# 2011 LEED-Showcase Awards

In partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council – Georgia, Atlanta Business Chronicle highlights here the finalists and winners for its first-ever LEED Showcase Awards. These awards honor LEED projects, certified in 2010, that set the bar for innovation and best practices in three categories: New Market Innovation; Innovation in Business; and Beyond LEED.

**New Market Innovation:** This award recognizes companies and organizations that are just beginning to adopt green building practices and pursue LEED certification, creating new markets for LEED works.



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**Beyond LEED:** This award recognizes companies, organizations and individuals that are doing innovative work that stretches beyond the current borders of LEED certification, creating sustainable initiatives, renewable

energy concepts and environmentally sound practices.  
**Innovation in Business:** This award recognizes companies that are setting the bar for innovative LEED concepts, practices and projects. This category is divided into three categories: small companies (100 or fewer employees); medium companies (101-500 employees); and large companies (501 or more employees).

# Hammertime Construction Inc.

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## SMALL WINNER

(Fewer than 100 employees)

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**H**ammertime Construction Inc. made history by completing the first-ever home renovation in Georgia to garner LEED Platinum certification. Situated in Decatur, the renovated home also received an EarthCraft Premium certification and an ENERGY STAR certification. For its accomplishment, Hammertime Construction is the winner for Innovation in Business in the small-company category for Atlanta Business Chronicle's 2011 LEED Showcase Awards.

Originally a 1950s ranch-style bungalow, the residence belongs to architects Doug and Yun Glasgow who commissioned Hammertime — a registered EarthCraft builder — to make their family's home environmentally friendly and energy-efficient. During the project's design phase, the Glasgows and Hammertime team — lead by owner and founder Alistair Herriot and project manager Matthew Orchard — decided to register the renovation with the LEED for Homes program, which meant keeping the existing structure intact while creating an energy-efficient structure.



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Beginning in March 2009, the team dismantled the existing interior, donating all cabinets, trim, doors, appliances and light fixtures for reuse and grounding down additional waste for recycling. Other Earth-friendly aspects of the renovation included the addition of a rainwater harvesting system for irrigation and landscape, LED lighting, evacuated tube solar hot water system and local sourcing of materials. When a storm downed an 80-year-old oak tree and hickory tree in the Glasgow's yard, the

construction team decided not to let it go to waste, converting the fallen wood into flooring for the basement and laundry room as well as the ceiling of the screened porch. Completed in 2009, the "green" home completed a final round of testing from Southface Energy Institute and, along with LEED Platinum certification, also earned a Home Energy Rating Score of 53, meaning the home is 47 percent more energy-efficient than a similarly sized home built to today's standard building codes.