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The Charlotte Business Journal honored more than 60 businesses, individuals and nonprofits for their environmentally sustainable practices and programs Wednesday at the inaugural Green Awards event at the Charlotte Convention Center.

Working with the U.S. Green Building Council Charlotte Region Chapter, the event identified companies, nonprofits and individuals in 19 categories that have made sustainability a priority.

Scot Horst, chairman of the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED steering committee, was the keynote speaker at the event, which drew more than 900 attendees.

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The Charlotte Business Journal's inaugural Green Book was distributed at the awards presentation.

The 72-page publication -- printed on recycled paper with soy-based ink -- includes details on this year's winners and doubles as a resource guide on how local companies are incorporating green practices.

Also recently launched as a source for sustainability from a business point of view: [greenbizjournal.com](#), a national Web site operated by American City Business Journals, the parent company of the Charlotte Business Journal.

The Green Advocates of the Year were Anne Jackson, Jennifer Pippin, Sara O'Mara, Todd Nichols and Scott Nichols.

Winners in the For-Profit Business Leader category were David Dooley, Jim Williams, Mark Nicholls, Mary Tribble and Jim Kirby.

The For-Profit Businesses of the Year were **Autobell Car Wash Inc.**, **Food Lion**, **Lee Industries**, **RT Dooley**, **The Bissell Cos.**, **Bank of America Corp.** (NYSE:BAC), Enterprise Rent-a-Car, **Pippin Home Designs** and **Nucor Corp.** (NYSE:NUE).

Other winners in several For-Profit Business categories included **Carolina Foam Solutions Inc.**, **Vulcan Materials Co.**, **GreenFiber**, **Little, Cadmus Communications**, **Green Leaf Brick**, **Linda Construction**, RT Dooley, **Wallace Farm**, **Duany Plater-Zyberk & Co.** and **EV Power Systems Inc.**, **Compass Group North America**, **National Gypsum Co.** and **Perkins+Will**.

Winners in the Nonprofit Business Leader category were John Avery and Tim Newman.

The Nonprofit Businesses of the Year were Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities, Classroom Central and the YWCA Central Carolinas.

Other winners in several Nonprofit Business categories included the Mecklenburg Soil & Water Conservation District, UNC Charlotte, **Wedgewood Baptist Church**, Carolina International School, Central Piedmont Community College, Keep Gastonia Beautiful Inc., Charlotte Area Transit System, Charlotte Center City Partners and Goodwill Industries of

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the Southern Piedmont.

The Government Leader category winners were Mecklenburg County's Environmental Leadership Team and N.C. Rep. Ruth Samuelson.

Winners in the Real Estate and Development categories were **Choate Construction Co.**, **The FWA Group Architects**, The Bissell Cos., Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities, the city of Charlotte, Food Lion, Perkins+Will, Bank of America, RT Dooley, Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority, Carolina Wetland Services, **Crescent Communities**, **Rhein Medall Communities**, Erik and Michelle Dagenhart, Pippin Home Designs, **Jim Gleeson AIA/Design Integration**.

The event was sponsored by **Wachovia Corp.** (NYSE:WB) and **Duke Energy Corp.** (NYSE:DUK).

For details on all the award winners, see the Green Book special publication that will be inserted into Friday's Charlotte Business Journal or call (704) 973-1126 to get a copy.

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