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## gb&d's 2016 Women in Sustainability Leadership Award Winners Announced

Norwalk, CT, Oct. 11 – Metroflor Corporation was a proud sponsor of *Green Building & Design's* Women in Sustainability Leadership Awards (WSLA), bestowed during the GreenBuild International Conference and Expo last week in Los Angeles. The magazine for today's leading green professional with a mission statement of creating a more sustainable world, *gb&d* created the awards to celebrate the achievements of women who are making lasting change and strives to identify, support, and give opportunities to future women in leadership. Rochelle Routman, Metroflor's Chief Sustainability Officer and chair of the WSLA Alumni Group, addressed the group in this capacity at the event, encouraging the attendees to strive for even greater accomplishments. "The women that are involved in this program collectively have tremendous resources of the mind and body. Unleashed, we can make an even bigger positive impact on the world."

The ultimate goal of the awards is to create a global central hub that identifies and connects the most powerful women at the forefront of sustainability. WSLA looks to recognize and advance these top-level female sustainability executives who can then, in turn, support younger women with dreams of reaching such levels of success. "This was our 3<sup>rd</sup> year hosting the awards. It's amazing to sit at a table with such powerful women plotting to make the world a better place for all," says Editor-in-Chief and CEO Chris Howe. "We have created a place to honor these incredible women and bring them together in the same room. We hope this can be a platform for women who are creating lasting change to act as role models for those who might just be starting their career," says Laura Heidenreich, President of *gb&d*.

The 2016 WSLA Winners making a positive impact on our environment include: Lisa Bate of B+H Architects; Liz York of the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention; Mary Tod Winchester of Chesapeake Bay Foundation; Kelly Vlahakis-Hanks of Earth Friendly Products; Nicole Isle of Glumac; Holley Henderson of H2 Ecodesign; Susan King of Harley Ellis Devereaux; Kathleen Smith of International Living Future Institute; Barbara Deutsch of Landscape Architecture Foundation; Nancy Sutley of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power; Karen Kubick of San Francisco Public Utilities Commission; Barbra Batshalom of Sustainable Performance Institute; Andrea Goertz of Telus; Carolyn Aguilar Dubose of Universidad Iberoamericana, and Dominique Hargreaves of United States Green Building Council Los Angeles.

The magazine is thrilled to present the third annual WSLA in partnership with the United States Green Building Council in part by Metroflor Corporation, Steelcase, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and United Airlines. The winners were hand selected by a judging panel that includes Rochelle Routman of Metroflor, Kimberly Lewis of the USBGC, Amanda Sturgeon of the International Living Future Institute, Angela Foster-Rice of United Airlines, Leith Sharp of Harvard University, and Chris Howe and Laura Heidenreich of *gb&d*.

About *gb&d* magazine: *gb&d* is the only magazine covering green building and design across industries. It connects and inspires green building professionals by partnering with those at the forefront of sustainable design, development, planning, and policy. The publication offers a comprehensive global perspective on new projects and products created with sustainability and social responsibility in mind."

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