

**Sustainable Pittsburgh announces the winners of the 2013-2014  
Pittsburgh Green Workplace Challenge!**

**Quotes from the Top Performers in Each Category**

**Large Business Quotes**

**FEDEX GROUND**

“FedEx Ground is proud to be the winner in the large business category in this year’s Green Workplace Challenge,” said Paul Melander, FedEx Ground Managing Director of Sustainability. “Winning this award is a testament to the hard work of our employees, our strong culture of continuous and sustainable improvement and our constant efforts to positively impact the Pittsburgh region—the community that we call home.”

**Medium Business Top Performer**

**DMI COMPANIES**

“At DMI Companies we strive to raise the bar and set new standards. As such, an integral strategic focal point within our corporate vision maintains to provide sustainable products and services for the industries within which we operate. As embracing as the city has been to help drive the sustainable movement, it's important for us to join the other leaders “walking the walk” as we’ve competed together to better our world in the Pittsburgh Green Workplace Challenge.”

Peter J. Arnoldt II, Owner  
DMI Companies

**Small Business Top Performer**

**PASHEK ASSOCIATES**

“Pashek Associates was excited to compete in the Green Workplace Challenge for the second year in a row. This year, we focused on reducing water consumption and continued to work on sealing up our building envelope. Though the competition is over, we are about to start the process of upgrading to more efficient lighting. This process was made easier by using the resources, workshops and contacts made available to us through the competition. We look forward to the next rendition of the competition as we continue to measure our impact on the environment.”

Sara Thompson, Vice President of Sustainability  
Pashek Associates

**Municipalities/Local Government**

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

“In Allegheny County, we are committed to leading by example in improving our energy usage and water consumption. By focusing on being more efficient, we can also reduce the cost of how we do business while having a positive impact on the environment,” said County Executive Rich Fitzgerald. “From 2011-2013, the County has achieved a combined utility cost savings of \$1.9 million across five buildings. Combined with the green roof of the County Office Building, and our other sustainability measures, the County has projected that we will have a total cost avoidance of \$64.2 million over 15 years. Those are significant numbers that have real value in our budget.”

### Universities

#### **UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH**

“The University of Pittsburgh is honored to be recognized by the Pittsburgh Green Workplace Challenge for our sustainability initiatives. We are proud of the great strides the University has made to further sustainability across our campus. From the built environment, to education and research, to campus operations and student involvement, all members of the University community play important roles in fostering sustainability on campus.”

Laura W. Zullo, CEM  
Sr. Manager, Energy Initiatives  
University of Pittsburgh  
Facilities Management Division

### Medium Nonprofits

#### **ALCOSAN**

“We are extremely proud of our overall achievement for this first year of participation in the Green Workplace Challenge. The commitment of our team members, support of staff, and mission to be an environmentally conscious organization all contribute to this success. We are determined to continue our journey towards creating a more sustainable workplace and inspire “green by choice.”

Arletta Scott Williams  
Executive Director  
ALCOSAN

### Small Nonprofits

#### **CONSERVATION CONSULTANTS, INC.**

Jeanee Zappa, Executive Director, CCI, said, “Energy efficiency and responsible use is our core mission at CCI. We live it every day here in our offices, and we’re proud that this was among our standout points of participation in the Green Workplace Challenge. But one of the best-kept secrets of participating in the Challenge is that it pushed us to move beyond our comfort zone. Not only did we formalize what had been long-standing practices into policies – like sustainable purchasing and composting – but we also looked for ways to involve the whole team of 15 in making small changes. One of the most popular training sessions was the TED talk on reducing use of paper towels. I’ll never dry my hands the same again.”