

# TRANSAMERICA PYRAMID RECEIVES HIGHEST HONOR FOR GREEN BUILDING TEAM OF THE YEAR



The Transamerica Pyramid took the top honors at the U.S. Green Building Council Northern California Chapter's Green Building Super Heroes Awards as the winners of the Outstanding Existing Building Project Green Team.

"This honor shows that even as a beloved city icon built nearly 40 years ago, this building still remains one of the most progressive buildings in the financial district and California," said Phil Rapoport, General Manager of The Pyramid Center.

The award was given based upon building's performance criteria including energy efficiency, water efficiency, waste reduction and cost savings; innovation; building owner leadership; project team collaboration; and the benefits of the project on social equity and the surrounding community.

In all, the following noteworthy achievements contributed to the Transamerica Pyramid receiving the top honors:

- 70 percent of the energy generated by the Pyramid is generated by the Co-generation plant onsite
- The ownership is committed to offset 50 percent of the purchased power with off-site renewable energy
- A 45 percent reduction of water consumption was achieved
- The Pyramid recycles or composts 70 percent of its ongoing consumable waste stream by weight, and has demonstrated the reuse or recycling of 75 percent of the durable goods waste stream during the LEED performance period
- Indoor environmental air quality and outdoor ventilation rates to all occupied spaces are at least 30 percent above the ASHRAE minimum rates required.
- The Pyramid has reduced their combined expense for gas, electricity and water by over \$1.5 million in the past three years
- Waste diversion has saved more than \$100,000 annually
- The ownership supports environmental awareness among tenants and the community including hosting a Health & Sustainability Fair, bi-annual e-waste days, and a tenant Carbon Footprint Contest recognized as an industry Best Practice

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