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Summary: The award recognizes eco-friendly initiatives in energy, water, and recycling techniques performed by state buildings in Minnesota.

MORRIS, Minnesota (October 1, 2015)—The [University of Minnesota, Morris's Green Prairie Living and Learning Community](#) has been awarded an inaugural Best of Buildings, Benchmarks, and Beyond (B3) Award. The award recognizes eco-friendly initiatives in energy, water, and recycling techniques performed by state buildings in Minnesota. Through its nomination, Green Prairie is demonstrating its success in green energy usage.

The Best of B3 award recognizes winners in several categories: buildings representing public schools, local government, state agencies and higher education; leadership; Best of B3 guidelines; and Sustainable Buildings 2030 (SB2030). Buildings are qualified for nomination by incorporating eco-friendly aspects into the structural design. The finished structure of these buildings reflects cooperation and a shared interest in green energy among their construction developers.

While all nominees projected energy consumption significantly lower than B3 and SB2030 guidelines, the Green Prairie Community was the only building nominated in two categories, Best of B3 guidelines and SB2030. All nominees represent leaders of architectural models for green energy.

The winners of the awards were announced at the first annual Best of B3 Recognition Luncheon on Wednesday, September 23. Green Prairie received awardship in the SB2030 category, which means the building has been deemed exceptional in its energy-efficient methods.

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