



## COLUMBUS GREEN BUILDING FORUM PREVAILS IN DISPUTE WITH STATE OF OHIO

The Ohio Court of Claims recently overturned a 2008 audit finding by the Ohio Department of Development (now the Ohio Development Services Agency) and awarded Columbus Green Building Forum damages and interest against the State of Ohio. The State of Ohio opted not to appeal the court's decision.

Columbus Green Building Forum [<http://cgbf.org/>] ("CGBF") is an Ohio based, non-profit organization, founded in 2003. The Forum's mission is to promote sustainable building practices in all local projects. It has been at the forefront of efforts to disseminate knowledge on sustainability, high performance Green building concepts and technologies.

CGBF has provided educational opportunities to building industry professionals, homeowners, business owners, government representatives, and graduate and under-graduate students from various parts of the country. Since its inception, CGBF has conducted over 135 programs in central Ohio that have collectively attracted over 3000 participants to Green building related educational events.

CGBF's board of directors remains committed to its mission and recognize that the Court of Claim's ruling was not only a win for CGBF, but also a win for the citizens and communities across the State of Ohio.

Arenstein & Andersen Co., LPA, a Dublin, Ohio law firm, and the Capital University Law School Small Business Clinic ("SBC") represented CGBF in the lawsuit led by attorneys Eric R. McLoughlin and Nicholas I. Andersen. When the Capital University Law School closed the SBC in June 2013, CGBF retained Arenstein & Andersen Co., LPA to continue representing it in the litigation. [[www.aacolpa.com](http://www.aacolpa.com)]

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*CGBF's mission is to advance the principles & practices of sustainability throughout the region.*