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ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES RECEIVES GREEN POWER AWARD

PHILADELPHIA (October 21, 2011) — The Academy of Natural Sciences is the recipient of a Green Power award for leadership in supporting sustainable energy and for its renewable energy policy.

The award from Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture) recognizes the leadership role of the Academy's Center for Environmental Policy in the Urban Sustainability Forum. The USF is a collaboration of local organizations with the common goal of making Philadelphia the greenest, most livable, and most sustainable city in America. On the third Thursday of every month, the Academy hosts USF's free public panel discussions on working sustainability issues.

The award also was given for the Academy's offsetting its expected energy use with 100 percent renewable energy over a two-year period with Green-e certified renewable energy certificates donated by GDF SUEZ Resources NA.

"The Academy is very pleased to receive this award from PennFuture," said Roland Wall, director of the Center for Environmental Policy. "The Academy has a strong commitment to environmental research and protection and to promoting environmental awareness and sustainability. We also are very appreciative of the partner organizations of the Urban Sustainability Forum with whom we collaborate on these goals."

Founded in 1812, the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia is the oldest natural history museum in the Americas and a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. Academy scientists focus on critical issues around biodiversity, evolution and environmental science, while the Center for Environmental Policy works to inform and engage constituents, promote solutions, and build awareness of important environmental topics.

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Founded in 1812, the Academy of Natural Sciences is America's oldest natural history museum and a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. For nearly 200 years, the Academy has carried out its mission to encourage and cultivate the sciences, exploring the remarkable diversity of our natural world and sharing these discoveries with the public through innovative exhibits, publications, and educational programming.

HOURS: Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Saturday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. ADMISSION: \$12 adults; \$10 children 3-12, seniors, college students, and military personnel; free for members and children under 3. \$2 fee for Butterflies! PHONE: 215-299-1000