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# Phoenix ranked seventh most sustainable metro area

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The Phoenix metro area was ranked in the top 10 sustainable U.S. metro areas by Site Selection magazine in its "Green Guide 2011" this month.

Ranked seventh overall, Phoenix was among the metro areas selected based on the size of its green industry, projects certified by the **U.S. Green Building Council's** Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program, and level of incentives to support green projects, among other factors.

San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, Calif. was ranked first. The guide also ranked top sustainable foreign countries and top sustainable states.

Arizona as a state did not crack the magazine's top 10 list that was dominated by Western states. California, Washington and Oregon ranked first through third, Colorado was fifth, Texas was eighth and New Mexico was 10th.

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