

UC San Diego Expert on Property-License Agreements Wins International Award

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The Association of University Real Estate Officials (AUREO) has awarded its 2010 Most Valuable Peer Award to Ginger Truschke, associate director of UC San Diego's Real Estate Department, in recognition of her collaborations, significant accomplishments and promotion of creative and innovative approaches to serving the university's real estate needs.

Truschke has developed license agreements between UC San Diego and service providers that underpin the university's efforts to reduce energy usage and increase its use of alternative renewable power sources such as photovoltaics, fuel cells, wind, and biofuels. Her efforts as part of a team of colleagues at UC San Diego have helped the university garner numerous national awards and rankings that recognize its sustainability achievements. And her telecommunications and renewable energy real-property license agreements have been adopted as models by other universities.

"This award by an international group of her peers at the Association of University Real Estate Officials is a fitting recognition of Truschke's innovations, which have helped the university enlarge its stature as a national leader in sustainability," said Gary C. Matthews, vice chancellor of Resource Management and Planning at UC San Diego.

Truschke received the MVP award September 14 at the annual meeting of AUREO in San Francisco.

UC San Diego's Real Estate Department, led by Assistant Vice Chancellor Nancy Kossan, administers the acquisition and disposition of the university's real property, manages the development of new campus buildings through public-private partnerships and ground leases, and provides asset management services for owned and leased offices, laboratories, medical clinics, and residential spaces.

AUREO was established in 1983 and its ninety member institutions include most major universities in the United States and Canada. The purpose of AUREO is to advance the common interests of colleges and universities related to real estate administration, including management, leasing, investment, development, acquisition, and disposition.

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