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 $Promoting\ Sustainable\ Environmental\ Stewardship\ Throughout\ the\ Federal\ Government$

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OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCES 2006 WHITE HOUSE CLOSING THE CIRCLE AWARDS WINNERS

The Office of the Federal Environmental Executive is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2006 White House Closing the Circle (CTC) Awards. The CTC Awards recognize outstanding achievements of Federal employees and their facilities for efforts that resulted in significant contributions to, or have made a significant positive impact regarding to environmental stewardship. The awards focus on waste prevention, recycling, and green purchasing activities under Executive Order (E.O.) 13101, environmental management under E.O. 13148, green/sustainable buildings under several executive orders, and reduced fuel usage under E.O. 13149. This year the program also recognizes four (4) Gold level partners of the Federal Electronics Challenge (FEC).

"Sustainable environmental performance has become an integral part of how we do business in the Federal government," said Mr. Ed Piñero, the Federal Environmental Executive. "These award wining programs and individuals truly exemplify how our management and operations can be made more sustainable through enhanced environmental stewardship."

This year, 16 winners and 11 honorable mentions were selected from nearly 200 nominations in the areas of environmental management systems, pollution prevention, recycling, green product purchasing, alternative fuels, sustainable building, and electronics stewardship. The awards will be presented at a White House ceremony on June 12, 2006.

Created by executive order, the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive (OFEE) is a chartered task force under the White House Council on Environmental Quality. It works to promote sustainable environmental stewardship throughout the Federal government by assisting agencies in integrating environmental considerations into their operations. OFEE assists agencies with such sustainable practices as implementing environmental management systems, purchasing green products, constructing sustainable buildings, electronics stewardship, and waste prevention and recycling.

2006 White House Closing the Circle Awards Winners

Recycling-Military

Department of Defense

US Army Fort Campbell, KY Team: Pollution Prevention Team *Zero Waste is the Goal*

Recycling-Civilian

Department of Energy

Y-12 National Security Complex, Oak Ridge, TN Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle Team *Multi-Organizational Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle at Y-12*

Department of the Interior

Minerals Management Service, Anchorage, AK Caryn Smith A Work Environment that Works for the Environment

Environmental Protection Agency

EPA HQ, Washington DC Recycling Electronics and Asset Disposition (READ) Services Team A government-wide procurement tool to properly manage, recycle and dispose of electronics

Waste Pollution/Prevention-Military

Department of Defense Crane Army Ammunition Activity, NSA Crane, IN Pollution Prevention Team *Reuse of MJU decoy flares*

Waste Pollution/Prevention-Civilian

Department of Energy

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, Washington PNNL Stewardship Team Conservation through Reuse

Department of the Interior

National Parks Service WASO, Lakewood, CO Concession Environmental Management Team *Green Contracts Prevent Pollution*

Sustainable Design/ Green Buildings-Military Department of Defense

Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme, CA Public Works Department Building 850: Energy and Sustainability Showcase

Sustainable Design/ Green Buildings-Civilian

Department of the Interior National Parks Service MRO, Omaha, NE LEED Gold Team *Making "The Good Life" Sustainable*

Alternative Fuel and Fuel Conservation in Transportation -Military

Department of Defense Naval Station Great Lakes, Illinois Base Support Transportation Team *Alternative Fuel and Fuel Conservation in Transportation*

Alternative Fuel and Fuel Conservation in Transportation -Civilian

Department of Energy

DOE HQ, Washington DC Green Fleet Team Petroleum Fuel Reduction through Alternative Fuels

United States Postal Service

USPS HQ, Washington DC Han T. Dinh *Expansion of Biodiesel Utilization at USPS*

EMS-Military

Department of Defense Robins AFB, Warner Robins, GA Environmental Management Systems Team *Environmental Management for the Future*

EMS-Civilian

Department of the Treasury United States Mint , Washington DC Environmental Management Systems Team *EMS Program at US Mint*

Green Purchasing-Civilian

Department of Homeland Security US Coast Guard AIRSTA, Elizabeth City, NC Aircraft Repair and Supply Center Engineering Support Team *Corn Starch Dry Blast Media*

Department of Energy

Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM Sandia P2 Staff and Procurement Green Teams <u>Federal Electronics Stewarship</u> Department of Veterans Affairs VA Central Office, Washington DC Federal Electronics Challenge Team Gold Award Winner

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

EPA HQ, Washington, DC Federal Electronics Challenge Team Gold Award Winner

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EPA Region 2, New York, NY Federal Electronics Challenge Team Gold Award Winner

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EPA Region 4, Atlanta, GA Federal Electronics Challenge Team Gold Award Winner

2006 White House Closing the Circle Awards Honorable Mentions

Recycling-Military

Department of Defense Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, CA Recycling Team

Travis AFB Recycling Program

Recycling-Civilian

United States Postal Service

USPS Supply Management, Philadelphia, PA Memphis Purchasing Service Center USPS Total Waste Management Program

Department of Energy

Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC Recycling Team Savannah Rivers Recycle Opportunities Expand

Waste Military/Prevention-Military

Department of Defense MCAS Cherry Point, Cherry Point, NC Environmental Affairs Department *Innovative Waste and P2 Aboard MCAS Cherry Point*

Sustainable Design/ Green Buildings-Civilian

General Services Administration Scowcroft GSA Building, Ogden, Utah Building Renovation Project Team Scowcroft, GSA Building Renovation

Alternative Fuel and Fuel Conservation in Transportation -Military

Department of Defense Ft. Benning, GA

Ft. Benning, GA John Brent Implementing and Alternative Fuel Infrastructure

EMS-Military

Department of Defense US Navy Fleet Activities, Sasebo, Japan Richard Whittier, Brian Pettitt, Ryoji Inazawa, Kazuhiro Iwanaga *Building a Site Specific EMS from the bottom up*

Department of Defense

US Army Fort Hood, TX EMS Workgroup Fort Hood's EMS: Maintaining the Balance Through Individual Accountability

EMS-Civilian

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

EPA HQ, Washington, DC Russel R. McCullough, Jerry Oakley, Howard Wilson, EPA EMS Coordinators and Leadership at EPA EPA Agency-wide Environmental Management System: Collaboration and Innovation

Department of Energy

National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Golden, Colorado Robert Westby, Susan Huffnagle, Maureen Jordan Sustainable NREL: An Innovative Approach to EMS

Green Purchasing-Civilian

Department of Veterans Affairs Rock Island National Cemetery, Rock Island, Illinois Kenneth Nussear and W. Scott Lamb *Recycled Plastic Lumber Use*