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**OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXECUTIVE  
ANNOUNCES 2008 WHITE HOUSE CLOSING THE CIRCLE  
AWARDS WINNERS**

The Office of the Federal Environmental Executive is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2008 White House Closing the Circle (CTC) Awards. This annual program is required by Executive Order 13423, *Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management*, and recognizes outstanding Federal environmental stewardship.

Since 1996, more than 200 awards have been given for innovative, cost-effective contributions in increasing the purchase of recycled content, biobased, and environmentally preferable products and services; reducing the generation of wastes; incorporating energy and environmental considerations into building design; establishing highly effective environmental management systems at Federal facilities; using alternative fuel vehicles and reducing the fleet fuel consumption; and promoting Federal electronics stewardship efforts.

This year, 15 winners and 14 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. In addition, there are two special awards in the Sowing the Seeds for Change category. The awards will be presented at a White House ceremony this summer. These honorees truly exemplify the Federal workforce's commitment to meeting the President's directive that to be good stewards of our nation's precious natural resources.

Created by executive order, the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive (OFEE) is part of the White House Council on Environmental Quality and works to promote sustainable environmental stewardship throughout the Federal government by assisting agencies in integrating environmental considerations into their operations.

## **2008 White House Closing the Circle Awards Winners**

### **Environmental Management Systems – Military**

U.S. Air Force  
Robins Air Force Base, GA  
Environmental Management Systems Team  
*Environmental Management for the Future*

### **Environmental Management Systems – Civilian**

U.S. Postal Service  
Washington, DC  
Environmental Performance Track Initiative Team  
*Environmental Performance Track Initiative*

### **Recycling – Civilian**

Federal Highway Administration  
Washington, DC  
Recycling Team  
*Recycling Leadership in the Transportation Sector*

### **Alternative Fuel and Fuel Conservation in Transportation – Military**

U.S. Marine Corps  
Camp Pendleton, CA  
Southwest Region Fleet Transportation Team  
*Deploying Alternative Fueled Vehicles*

### **Alternative Fuel and Fuel Conservation in Transportation – Civilian**

Department of Energy  
Oak Ridge National Laboratory, TN  
Fuel Efficiency and Transportation Initiatives Team  
*Green Transportation Initiative*

### **Waste/Pollution Prevention – Military**

U.S. Air Force  
Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA  
Sustainment Team  
*Moving Mountains of Waste*

### **Waste/Pollution Prevention – Civilian**

U.S. Postal Service  
Washington, DC  
Reuse of Mailing Products Team  
*Vendor Partnerships for Envelope Reuse*

### **Green Purchasing – Military**

Department of Defense, Defense Logistics Agency  
Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia, PA  
Subsistence Biobased Cutlery Team  
*Biobased Cutlery Program*

**Green Purchasing – Civilian**

U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Washington, DC  
Green Purchasing Team  
*Leading Through Green Purchasing*

**Electronics Stewardship – Civilian**

Department of Homeland Security  
Transportation Security Administration  
Washington, DC  
Electronics Stewardship Team  
*Electronics Stewardship at TSA*

**Sustainable Design/Green Buildings – Military**

U.S. Army  
Fort Bragg, NC  
Sustainable Design Team  
*Sustainable Design through LEED*

**Sustainable Design/Green Buildings – Civilian**

General Services Administration  
Federal Building, San Francisco, CA  
Sustainable Building Project Team  
*A Model of Sustainable Architecture*

**Sowing the Seeds for Change**

Department of Labor  
Washington, DC  
*New Automotive Utilization and Tracking On-line System (AUTOS)*

Federal Environmental Management Systems Metrics Workgroup  
Washington, DC  
*Taking Aggressive Actions\_Achieving Impressive Results*

## **2008 White House Closing the Circle Awards Honorable Mentions**

### **Environmental Management Systems – Military**

U.S. Air Force

Charleston Air Force Base, SC

437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer EMS Team

*Closed-Loop Environmental Management System Charleston*

### **Environmental Management Systems – Civilian**

Department of Energy

Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM

Sandia EMS Team

*EMS Implementation, Outreach, Program and Facilities Integration*

### **Recycling – Military**

U.S. Navy

Navy Whidbey, Oak Harbor, WA

Navy Whidbey Recycle

*Waste Free by 2020*

### **Recycling – Civilian**

Environmental Protection Agency

EPA Region 10 Laboratory

Manchester Environmental Laboratory

*Team Recycling Effort at EPA's MEL*

Department of Veteran's Affairs

Louisville VA Medical Center

Keith C. Davis

*Recycling Intravenous Solutions to Produce Ethanol*

### **Alternative Fuel and Fuel Conservation in Transportation – Military**

U.S. Air Force

Fairchild Air Force Base, WA

Team Fairchild

*Alternative Fuel/Fuel Conservation in Transportation*

### **Alternative Fuel and Fuel Conservation in Transportation – Civilian**

Department of Veteran's Affairs

Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center, Augusta, GA

Facility Management Service Line Team

*GEMS Always Working for Alternatives*

### **Waste/Pollution Prevention – Military**

U.S. Navy

Navy Region, Southwest Asia, Bahrain

CNRSWA Environmental Team

*Smart Solutions to Pollution*

### **Waste/Pollution Prevention – Civilian**

U.S. Postal Service

Washington, DC

Business Development and EPP Team  
*Cradle to Cradle Certified Mailing Products*

**Green Purchasing – Military**

Department of Defense  
Washington Headquarters Services, Defense Pentagon  
WHS/PENREN Team  
*Commitment to Green Purchasing – Green Cleaning*

U.S. Air Force  
Robins Air Force Base  
Green Purchasing Team  
*Green Procurement – Robins AFB Best Buy*

**Green Purchasing – Civilian**

U.S. Postal Service  
Northeast Area, CT, and Washington, DC  
Green Purchasing Team  
*Green Purchasing Program*

**Electronics Stewardship – Civilian**

U.S. Postal Service  
Washington, DC  
Electronics Stewardship Team  
*Postal Service Electronics Stewardship*

**Sustainable Design/Green Buildings – Civilian**

Department of Energy  
National Renewable Energy Laboratory, CO  
Science and Technology Facility Planning Team  
*First LEED® Platinum DOE Laboratory*