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Congratulations to the Florida Artificial Tire Reef Cleanup Team on receiving the Coastal America 2008 Partnership Award. The award recognizes outstanding partnerships that make a significant contribution toward the restoration and protection of our Nation's coastal and marine environment. It is the only environmental award of its kind given by the White House.

Through the collaborative efforts of Federal, state, and county government agencies, your team was able to solve a problem that had perplexed government officials for more than three decades. Harnessing the salvage skills of our military, the waste-to-energy expertise of the State of Florida, and the knowledge of scientists from several agencies, you are achieving what few would have thought possible: recovering hundreds of thousands of tires from the ocean at very little cost to the public and transforming the recovered tires into energy for south Florida communities.

I am particularly proud of the many sailors and soldiers who have found a way to enhance their training on skills important to our Nation's readiness for war while also making a significant contribution to the health of our living ocean resources. Just as you protect our Nation when serving overseas, at home you have found another way to protect our Nation's wellbeing.

Every day that you work on this project, you demonstrate that government working together collaboratively can make a positive impact on the environment. Please accept my sincere congratulations, and best wishes for your continued success.

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