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2014 BIZSMART@WORK AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Public Invited to Vote for Their Favorite Nominee for their Recycling and Composting Efforts in the Rethinker's Choice Award Category

SAN CARLOS, CA - June 17, 2014 - RethinkWaste, in collaboration with Recology San Mateo County, is excited to announce the winners of the 2014 BizSMART@Work Awards who will be honored at a luncheon to be held Friday, June 27, at the Shoreway Environmental Center in San Carlos. The awards will recognize businesses and multi-family complexes for their efforts to reduce their waste in 2013 through the BizSMART Recycle, Compost and Garbage collection services.

The public also has a chance to select the 2014 Rethinker's Choice Award by voting for their favorite nominees selected from the Recycle and Compost category winners through the RethinkWaste website. The winner of the 2014 Rethinkers' Choice Award will be announced at the luncheon.

"We are pleased to honor such an outstanding group of businesses for their efforts to reduce, recycle and compost," remarked Kevin McCarthy, Executive Director of RethinkWaste. "It's the efforts of businesses and their employees every day that help us in a big way towards meeting the state's ambitious 75% recycling goal."

The luncheon will be held from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, at the RethinkWaste Board of Directors Meeting Room at the Shoreway Environmental Center, 225 Shoreway Road, San Carlos. Award categories include Recycle, Compost, and a combined Recycle and Compost one.

The winners for this year's awards are as follows:

Recycling Category:

Diddams Party Store, San Carlos
Sand Cove Apartments, Foster City

Composting Category:

300 Alpine Road LLC, West Bay Sanitary District
Bayshore Christian Ministries, East Palo Alto
Donato Enoteca, Redwood City
Milagros, Redwood City
Menlo Circus Club, Atherton

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City of Menlo Park • City of Redwood City • City of San Carlos • City of San Mateo • County of San Mateo • West Bay Sanitary District

Oak Grove HOA/Manor, Menlo Park
Papillon Preschool, San Mateo
Promontory Point, Foster City

Recycling and Composting Category:

Abbott Vascular, Menlo Park
Back Yard Coffee Company, Redwood City
Catered Too, East Palo Alto
Embarcadero Capital Partners LLC, Belmont
Hassett Hardware, San Mateo
Impossible Foods, Inc., Redwood City
Kingston Café, San Mateo
The Plant Cafe, Burlingame
Rocket Fuel, Redwood City
Sweet Production, San Carlos
Villa Lucia's Pizza, San Mateo County

The nominees for the 2014 Rethinker's Choice Award are:

Abbott Vascular
Back Yard Coffee Company
Embarcadero Capital Partners LLC
Kingston Café
Sweet Production

The public can cast their votes for their favorites online at www.RethinkWaste.org starting Thursday, June 19, 2014. Voting closes by 5 pm on Wednesday, June 25, 2014.

Nominations for the 2014 BizSMART@Work Awards were accepted through May 23, 2014 and winners were selected by RethinkWaste and Recology staff based on the nominees' recycling and composting efforts and activities in 2013. The annual awards were started in 2012 and are held each spring. All businesses and multi-family complexes that have either recycling or compost collection services provided by Recology San Mateo County are eligible to participate in the annual awards program.

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RethinkWaste is a joint powers authority of twelve public Agencies (Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo, the County of San Mateo and the West Bay Sanitary District) in San Mateo County, California and is a leader in the delivery of innovative waste reduction and recycling programs. RethinkWaste owns and manages the award-winning Shoreway Environmental Center which receives all the recyclables, organic materials, and materials (i.e. solid waste) collected in its service area. RethinkWaste also provides strategic oversight, support and management of service providers that collect, process, recycle and dispose of materials for its Member Agencies. RethinkWaste (i.e., South Bayside Waste Management Authority) was formed in 1982. For more information on RethinkWaste, please visit our website at www.RethinkWaste.org or follow us at www.Facebook.com/rethinkwaste or www.Twitter.com/rethinkwaste.

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