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BIZSMART@WORK 2012 AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED
New Award Program Recognizes RethinkWaste Businesses and Multi-Family Complexes for Their Recycling and Composting Efforts

SAN CARLOS, CA - June 19, 2012 - RethinkWaste, in collaboration with Recology San Mateo County, is excited to announce the winners of the first BizSMART@Work Awards who will be honored at a luncheon held this Friday, June 22, at the Shoreway Environmental Center in San Carlos. The awards will be presented by Assemblymember Jerry Hill and will recognize businesses and complexes for their efforts to reduce their waste in 2011 through the BizSMART Recycle, Compost and Garbage collection services.

"Businesses and multi-family dwellings play an important role when it comes to recycling, composting and waste management," said Assemblymember Jerry Hill, D-San Mateo. "As some of the larger generators of waste and discarded materials, they can help set the standards for responsible management in our community, and they can lead by example.

"It's impressive and very telling that winners of the first BizSMART@Work Awards represent a cross-section of our communities. The honorees include large and small businesses and multi-family residential buildings, as well as schools, churches and more. Congratulations to all the award-winners and to RethinkWaste for launching the recognition program."

The luncheon will be held from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, at the Recology Community 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:

- Chesapeake Point Multi-Family Dwelling, San Mateo
- MB Garage Inc., San Mateo
- PAL Market, East Palo Alto
- San Mateo Peninsula Regent, Multi-Family Dwelling, San Mateo

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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

Composting Category:

EFI, Foster City
Sisters of Mercy, Burlingame

Recycling and Composting Category:

99 Ranch Market, Foster City
Bianchini's Market, San Carlos
Empire Lumber, Belmont
Gilead Sciences, Foster City
Lakeview Montessori, Foster City
Merry Moppet School, Belmont
SilverSpring Networks, Redwood City
St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room, North Fair Oaks
St. Bedes Episcopal, Menlo Park
Woodlake Association, Multi-Family Dwelling, San Mateo

The public also had a chance to vote for their favorite nominees through the "Rethinkers' Choice" award category, selected from the Recycle and Compost category winners. The winner of the 2012 Rethinker's Choice Award will be announced at the luncheon.

"We are proud of these businesses for their leadership efforts to reduce waste every day which helps the environment and their bottom line," commented Kevin McCarthy, Executive Director of RethinkWaste. "We hope other local businesses can learn from their efforts and pitch in to increase recycling and composting levels in our Member Agency communities."

Nominations for the BizSMART Awards were accepted through early May and winners were selected by RethinkWaste and Recology staff based on the nominees' recycling and composting efforts and activities in 2011. The annual awards will be held each spring going forward. All businesses and complexes that have either recycling or compost collection services provided by Recology San Mateo County are eligible to participate in the annual awards program.

About RethinkWaste

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 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 www.RethinkWaste.org or follow the agency at or www.Twitter.com/rethinkwaste.