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2013 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 18, 2013 - RethinkWaste, in collaboration with Recology San Mateo County, is excited to announce the winners of the 2013 BizSMART@Work Awards who will be honored at a luncheon held Friday, June 28, 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 2012 through the BizSMART Recycle, Compost and Garbage collection services.

The public also has a chance to select the 2013 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 2013 Rethinkers' Choice Award will be announced at the luncheon.

"We are pleased to recognize another outstanding group of businesses for their efforts to be community leaders in recycling and composting," remarked Kevin McCarthy, Executive Director of RethinkWaste.

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:

Bird in the Nest, San Carlos
Friends of San Carlos Library/San Carlos Library/City of San Carlos
Stalcar Apartments, Belmont

Composting Category:

Community Church, East Palo Alto
Manor/Nantucket Cove HOA, Foster City

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MEMBER AGENCIES: Town of Atherton • City of Belmont • City of Burlingame • City of East Palo Alto • City of Foster City • Town of Hillsborough
City of Menlo Park • City of Redwood City • City of San Carlos • City of San Mateo • County of San Mateo • West Bay Sanitary District

Recycling and Composting Category:

Brookside Skilled Nursing, San Mateo
Codexis, Redwood City
Cowabunga Creamery, San Carlos
Embassy Suites Food & Beverage Department, Burlingame
Inflection, Redwood City
Kingfish Restaurant, San Mateo
Pacific Biosciences, Menlo Park
PalCare, Burlingame
Stacks Restaurant, Menlo Park

The nominees for the 2013 Rethinker's Choice Award are:

Codexis
Cowabunga Creamery
Embassy Suites Food & Beverage Department
Inflection
Stacks Restaurant

The public can cast their votes for their favorites online at www.RethinkWaste.org. Voting closes by 5 pm on Friday, June 21, 2013.

Nominations for the 2013 BizSMART@Work Awards were accepted through May 22, 2013 and winners were selected by RethinkWaste and Recology staff based on the nominees' recycling and composting efforts and activities in 2012. The annual awards were started last year 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.

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.

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