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*2011 Environmental
Excellence Awards*



DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 11, 2011

Application Form

Environmental Excellence Awards

Deadline: 4:30 p.m., November 11, 2011

Type of Project:

Check One:

- Building Building less than 5 million
 Heavy/Industrial Highway
 Design-Build Construction Management
 Municipal & Utilities

Check One:

- New Construction Renovation

Please check all awards listed below for which you are applying. You can apply for as many as you wish.

- Environmental Excellence Award
(Comprehensive approach to sustained resource management and best environment practices)
- Special Recognition in Water Quality
- Special Recognition in Waste Management
- Special Recognition in Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy
- Special Recognition in Air Quality
- Special Recognition in Habitat Restoration/Development

General Information:

Project Name: _____

City or County: _____

Completion Date: _____

Entry Submitted By: _____ Title: _____

Date Submitted: _____

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The Montana Environmental Excellence Awards

Seven award areas have been established:

1. Environmental excellence award
2. Special recognition award in water quality
3. Special recognition award in waste management
4. Special recognition award in energy efficiency/renewable energy development
5. Special recognition award in air quality
6. Special recognition award in habitat restoration/enhancement
7. Environmental Leader Recognition (Individual)

Please note! Any Company can choose to apply for any or all of the award categories. Each application area will be judged on its own merits and will not be influenced by the number of awards for which a company applies. Awards may not be presented in every category. Projects must have been completed in 2011. Applicants/prime contractors must operate in Montana and be a member in good standing of the MCA.

Be Recognized for Your Work in Caring for Montana's Environment

Application Procedures:

1. Complete the application form in this brochure and please include with it narrative answers to the questions for your particular category.
2. If applying for the Environmental Excellence Award, provide a narrative response to each criteria question, not to exceed 10 typewritten, double-spaced pages. If applying for any of the special recognition awards, provide up to a four-page, typewritten, double-spaced narrative for each award applied. Applicants can apply for as many awards as desired.
3. Include any attachments such as photographs, charts, newspaper articles, etc. (These are in addition to the application narratives.)
4. If applying for the Individual Leadership Award provide a narrative not to exceed two-pages, typewritten and double spaced.
5. When applying make sure to include a disk with **High Quality Digital Photos**. Digital files will only be accepted at 300 dpi, Adobe pdf, jpg, tiff or eps. These pictures may be used for the Highway Awards presentation.

Mail the original documents, plus four (4) copies of the entry forms and four (4) copies of attachments to:

Maryann Seilstad
Montana Contractors' Association
1717 Eleventh Avenue
PO Box 4519
Helena, MT 59604

Judging:

Representatives of various organizations/agencies with environmental expertise will serve as judges. The judging committee reserves the right to make the final decision on all awards. Awards may not be presented in every category. Applicants must operate in Montana.

Project Packet:

Please compile packets in the same order as the criteria. In the back of the packet, you may include a section for all other information that you would like to be considered when being judged for the award. For the order of each award just continue to read this handout.

Deadlines:

Applications must be received by 4:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 11, 2011. Awards will be announced and presented at the Annual Convention Jan. 12, 2011.

For additional information and assistance, call Maryann, 406-442-4162, or email, maryann@mtagc.org.

ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARD NOTES:

Answer the following questions in narrative form, not to exceed 10 double-spaced, typewritten pages. Please make reference to each question heading in your response. Any necessary documentation should be included as attachments to this application.

1. **Comprehensive Environmental Ethic Overview-15 points**

Provide an overview of the environmental sustainability and pollution prevention programs implemented, including time frames, by your company that you believe warrant recognition. Explain your company's commitment to environmental practices.

2. **Leadership and Innovation-30 points**

Describe specifically why your company should be recognized as an environmental leader. How does the company serve as a model to its peers? How is the company breaking new ground and providing innovation in natural resource management? For example, identify newly invented or unique aspects of your programs, in terms of methods, technologies, materials or implementation. How is the company creatively addressing environmental issues?

3. **Sustainable Environmental Results-30 points**

Describe the long-term environmental impacts of your company's programs. How much waste has been reduced? Has air or water quality been improved? Has energy been saved? Have wild life/natural areas been improved? Provide any measurable results, such as energy saved, number of trees planted, pollution and waste tonnages avoided, percentage increase in recycling, acres of prairie restored, etc.

4. **Economic Results-25 points**

Describe the economic benefits of the company's environmental programs. Describe raw materials saved, labor savings, energy cost savings and/or increased productivity. Describe economic benefits to the local area - have additional jobs been created or significant capital investments been made?

5. **Participation/Involvement-10 points**

Describe employee/member participation in environmental programs. Discuss leadership commitment. Describe community outreach and partnerships created to implement programs. Discuss involvement with key stakeholders.

6. **Benefits to Workers/Environment/Community-10 points**

Describe how these programs raise the overall quality of life. Has awareness been raised about natural resource issues? Have people been educated? Did communication, teamwork or other improvements take place?

7. **Transferability-10 points**

Discuss how these programs or efforts can be replicated by others. Can the information learned be shared with others? Is the cost of replicating reasonable? Has the program been replicated by others?

SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS NOTES:

For each award applied for below, answer the questions in typewritten, narrative form, not to exceed four double-spaced pages. (Your company can choose to apply for as many special project awards as it wants. If not applying for one, please skip this section.)

SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS NOTES:

For each award applied for below, answer the questions in typewritten, narrative form, not to exceed four double-spaced pages. (Your company can choose to apply for as many special project awards as it wants. If not applying for one, please skip this section.)

Water Quality Special Project Award

1. Name of project, general description and dates of implementation.
2. Describe in detail why this project deserves exemplary recognition.
3. Discuss how this project provides sustainable benefits to the environment. Describe specific, measurable environmental results.
4. Describe level of participation, partnerships and volunteers who helped this project be successful. Describe the impact of this project on your community, local environment and overall quality of life.

Air Quality Special Project Award

1. Name of project, general description and dates of implementation.
2. Describe in detail why this project deserves exemplary recognition.
3. Discuss how this project provides sustainable benefits to the environment. Describe specific, measurable environmental results.
4. Describe level of participation, partnerships and volunteers who helped this project be successful. Describe the impact of this project on your community, local environment and overall quality of life.

Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy Special Project Award

1. Name of project, general description and date of implementation.
2. Describe in detail why this project deserves exemplary recognition. How does this program provide leadership and innovation in the development of energy efficiency practices or renewable energy? What new energy technologies have been developed? Why are the results important to Montana's economy and environment?
3. Discuss how this project provides sustainable benefits to the environment. Describe specific, measurable environmental results.
4. Describe measurable economic results. Show energy savings, increased productivity, jobs created. Describe economic benefits to the state. Describe transferability. Can the project be easily adopted? How does it serve as a model to others?

Habitat Restoration/Enhancement Special Project Award

1. Name of project, general description and dates of implementation.
2. Describe in detail why this project deserves exemplary recognition.
3. Discuss the type of habitat (wetland, prairie, woodland, etc.) developed or restored, and how this project provides sustainable benefits to fish and wildlife populations. Describe species that benefit and other positive environmental affects.

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4. Describe level of participation, partnerships and volunteers who helped this project be successful. Describe the positive social impacts of this project to your local region or area, along with improvements to overall quality of life. For example, environmental education opportunities, improved public or recreation areas, etc.

Waste Management Special Project Award

1. Name of project, general description and dates of implementation.
2. Describe in detail why this project deserves exemplary recognition. How does this project provide leadership and innovation? How does it serve as a model to others?
3. Discuss how this project provides sustainable benefits to the environment. Describe specific, measurable environmental and economic results. Include waste stream amounts and/or toxicity reduced; savings from reduced/avoided treatment or disposal; other direct or indirect savings. Include Return on Investment or payback.
4. Describe level of participation, partnerships and volunteers who helped this project be successful. Explain management commitment and employee participation. Describe the impact of this project on your community, local environment and overall quality of life, including any improvements in safety.

Environmental Leader Recognition Award

Outstanding performance and results often begin with the leadership and ingenuity of a single individual. The Environmental Leader Award honors those individuals who have demonstrated an unprecedented dedication to Montana's environment. Nominees for this recognition can be any Montanan who is leading the way to a sustainable future in Montana. To nominate an individual, please answer the questions below in no more than two pages, typewritten, narrative form.

Information About Nominated Individual:

- a. Name, Title
- b. Organization
- c. Address, City, State, Zip Code
- d. Telephone, Fax and E-Mail
- e. Describe the individual's leadership and environmental ethic in natural resource management.
- f. How does this individual serve as a role model to others?
- g. What have been the long-term sustainable environmental results from this individual's leadership?
- h. How have others been influenced by this person's actions? Include education, awareness, community outreach and other benefits.

Other comments about why this individual deserves special recognition.