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SWANA Announces 2012 Excellence Award Winners

Honorees to be recognized at WASTECON 2012

SILVER SPRING, Md. — The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) has announced the recipients of the 2012 Excellence Awards.

SWANA's Excellence Awards Program recognizes outstanding solid waste programs and facilities that advance the practice of environmentally and economically sound solid waste management through their commitment to utilizing effective technologies and processes in system design and operations, advancing worker and community health and safety, and implementing successful public education and outreach programs. Programs also must demonstrate that they are fiscally and environmentally responsible through their compliance with all applicable federal, state and local regulations.

This year's awards honor 41 programs and facilities in 14 different categories spanning the width and breadth of the municipal solid waste industry. Award winners represent the most innovative and dynamic organizations throughout North America and SWANA is proud to recognize their accomplishments.

"The recipients of the SWANA Excellence Awards represent the best solid waste management practices in North America today," said John H. Skinner, Ph.D., SWANA Executive Director and CEO. "Community leaders should be very proud of the valuable contributions that these projects provide to their citizens," Skinner added.

The winners will be acknowledged and awarded at the annual *WASTECON* conference in Washington, D.C. on August 14, 2012.

2012 Excellence Award winners by category:

COMMUNICATION

Gold - City of St. John's; St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador

Silver - Gwinnett County Government; Lawrenceville, Georgia

Bronze - City of Charlotte, Solid Waste Services; Charlotte, North Carolina

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Gold - Emerald Coast Utilities Authority; Pensacola, Florida

Silver - County of Orange & Discovery Science Center; Santa Ana, California

Bronze - Eco-Cycle; Boulder County, Colorado

MARKETING

Gold - City of Charlotte, Solid Waste Services; Charlotte, North Carolina

Silver - Castro Valley Sanitary District; Castro Valley, California

Bronze - Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo & The DAGNY Partnership; Wood Buffalo, Alberta

COLLECTION SYSTEMS

Gold - City of Fort Wayne; Fort Wayne, Indiana

Silver - City of College Station; College Station, Texas

Bronze - Emerald Coast Utilities Authority; Pensacola, Florida

TRANSFER STATION

Gold - Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County, Southwest County Transfer Station; Palm Beach County, Florida

Silver - Central Los Angeles Recycling & Transfer Station; Los Angeles, California

Bronze - County of Hawai'i, Department of Environmental Management, Solid Waste Division; County of Hawai'i, Hawaii

LANDFILL GAS CONTROL

Gold - IESI Timber Ridge Landfill, A Progressive Waste Solutions Company; Richwoods, Missouri

Silver - Vogel Holding Inc., Seneca Landfill; Mars, Pennsylvania

Bronze - Oklahoma Environmental Management Authority & Boral Bricks; Union City, Oklahoma

LANDFILL GAS UTILIZATION

Gold - Golden Triangle Regional Solid Waste Management Authority; Starkville, Mississippi

Silver - Ameresco City of Santa Clara; Santa Clara, California

Bronze - Prince William County Public Works Solid Waste Division; Prince William County, Virginia

LANDFILL MANAGEMENT

Gold - Seneca Meadows, Inc.; Waterloo, New York

Silver - Regional Municipality of Halton; Halton Region, Ontario

Bronze - City of Hamilton Glanbrook Landfill; Hamilton, Ontario

LANDFILL RE-USE

Gold - City of Hamilton Rennie-Brampton Landfills; Hamilton, Ontario

Silver - Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority, Turkey Point Renewable Energy Park; Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Bronze - Interstate Waste Services South Hadley Landfill & ARM Group, Inc.; South Hadley, Massachusetts

INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Gold - Sacramento County Department of Waste Management & Recycling; Sacramento, California

Silver - Sandoval County Public Works/Solid Waste; Rio Rancho, New Mexico

Bronze - Kent County Department of Public Works; Grand Rapids, Michigan

RECYCLING SYSTEMS

Gold - Rethink Waste; San Carlos, California

Silver - Rumpke Recycling of Columbus, Ohio; Columbus, Ohio

Bronze - University of Virginia Recycling; Charlottesville, Virginia

SPECIAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

Gold - City of Casper Regional Solid Waste Facility; Casper, Wyoming

Silver - City of Denton Solid Waste & Recycling Department; Denton, Texas

Bronze - Region of Peel Waste Management; Mississauga, Ontario

COMPOSTING SYSTEMS

Gold - Spotsylvania County Utilities and Public Works; Fredericksburg, Virginia

Silver - City of Bakersfield Solid Waste; Bakersfield, California

WASTE-TO-ENERGY

Gold - Covanta Onondaga, Inc.; Jamesville, New York

Silver - Covanta Fairfax, Inc.; Lorton, Virginia

Bronze - Covanta Marion, Inc.; Brooks, Oregon

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About SWANA

For 50 years, the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) has been the leading professional education and training association in the solid waste management field. SWANA's mission is "to advance the practice of environmentally and economically sound management of municipal solid waste." SWANA serves over 8,000 members and thousands more industry professionals with technical conferences, certifications, publications and a large offering of technical training courses. For more information, visit [SWANA.org](http://www.swana.org).



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