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Illinois organizations receive awards for achievements in environmental protection

Twenty five Illinois companies and organizations have been honored for their significant achievements in protecting the environment, helping sustain the future, and improving the economy. The Governor's Sustainability Awards were presented by the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (ISTC) during a luncheon in Champaign. ISTC is a unit of the Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois.

Since 1987, ISTC has presented Governors awards to organizations in Illinois that have demonstrated a commitment to environmental excellence through outstanding and innovative sustainability practices. Any Illinois public or private organization is eligible to apply for an award. Organizations who are winning for the first time received the Sustainability Award. Those organizations that have won in past years and are continuing their environmental efforts are awarded a Continuous Improvement Award.

"These businesses and organizations have shown that it is possible to create and maintain conditions under which people and the environment can exist in productive harmony, and fulfill the social and economic requirements of present and future generations," said Manohar Kulkarni, ISTC Director.

The 2011 award winners are listed below.

2011 Governor's Sustainability Award winners

Continuous Improvement Award

Argonne National Laboratory – Argonne
Elmhurst Park District – Elmhurst
Harris Corporation – Quincy
NOW Foods, Inc. – Bloomingdale
PortionPac Chemical Corporation – Chicago
Uncommon Ground -- Chicago

2011 Governor's Sustainability Award (first time winners)

Ameren Illinois ActOnEnergy Business Program – Peoria
Cabot Corporation – Tuscola
City of Evanston – Evanston
City of Naperville – Naperville
DuPage County – Wheaton

Earth Friendly Products – Addison
Gabriel Environmental Services – Chicago
GE Healthcare IT – Barrington
J.L. Clark – Rockford
John A. Logan College – Carterville
Lewis & Clark Community College – Godfrey
Lincoln Park Zoological Society – Chicago
Rock Valley College – Rockford
Sherwin-Williams Company – Effingham
Solberg Manufacturing – Itasca
Southwestern Illinois College – Belleville
University of Illinois at Chicago Office of Sustainability – Chicago
University of Illinois Retrocommissioning Group – Champaign
Village of Hoffman Estates – Hoffman Estates

Information on the Governor's Sustainability Awards program, lists of previous winners, and information on technical assistance are available from the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center, One Hazelwood Drive, Champaign, IL 61820, phone 217/333-8940, <http://www.istc.illinois.edu/>

The Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is the home of the Illinois State Scientific Surveys: Illinois Natural History Survey, Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Illinois State Geological Survey, Illinois State Water Survey, and Illinois Sustainable Technology Center. It was established by statute in 2008 and builds on the Surveys' reputations for basic and applied research and service. The Institute provides objective, cutting-edge research and solutions to allow citizens and decision-makers to make choices that ensure sustainable economic development, enduring environmental quality, and cultural resource preservation for Illinois and beyond.