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Illinois Organizations Honored for Achievements in Environmental Protection

PEORIA – Twenty-seven Illinois companies and organizations were honored today 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 ceremony in Peoria. 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 the award. Winners are selected through a rigorous process of review and examination by ISTC technical assistance experts. This year 27 organizations received Governor’s Awards and 14 received honorable mention awards.

To further acknowledge organizations whose environmental efforts are worth noting, a new Honorable Mention category was included this year. Fourteen companies were selected for efforts that also embody the spirit of sustainability.

“In working for a greener tomorrow, these businesses and organizations not only preserve our resources, protect our environment, reduce their costs and increase their competitiveness, they also help develop more sustainable technologies and become our greatest allies in the diffusion of new ideas and new attitudes about how business is done in Illinois,” said ISTC Interim Director David Thomas.

The 2013 award winners are listed below.

2013 Governor's Sustainability Award Winners

AbbVie – North Chicago
Aptar Cary Campus – Cary
Caterpillar Inc., Technical Center – Mossville
Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District – Urbana
Chem Processing – Rockford
City of Joliet – Joliet

ComEd – Oakbrook Terrace
Eaton's Cooper B-Line – Highland
Elmhurst Park District – Elmhurst
Forest Preserve District of DuPage County – Wheaton
Hilton Chicago – Chicago
J.L. Clark – Rockford
Jefferson Middle School – Champaign
The Label Printers LP – Aurora
Lewis and Clark Community College – Godfrey
McDonald's Corporation – Oak Brook
Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus – Chicago
Multifilm Packaging – Elgin
Niles Township School District 219, with special mention to Beyond Green Partners – Skokie
Quaker Foods North America, Bridgeview – Bridgeview
Quaker Foods North America, Danville – Danville
United Airlines – Chicago
University of Illinois at Chicago – Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – Champaign
Village of Arlington Heights – Arlington Heights
Village of Bolingbrook – Bolingbrook
Village of Downers Grove – Downers Grove

2013 Honorable Mention Governor's Sustainability Awards

Argonne National Laboratory – Argonne
CCI Manufacturing IL Corporation – Lemont
Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. – Rosemont
City of Evanston – Evanston
Clarke – Roselle
Clover Technologies Group – Hoffman Estates
Ecology Action Center – Normal
First Busey Corporation – Champaign
Illinois Department of Military Affairs – Springfield
Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Illinois Green Business Association – Champaign
Lawrence Foods – Elk Grove Village
Portapure, LLC – Chicago
Will County – Joliet

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.