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Recycling and Waste Reduction Efforts throughout Wisconsin Honored

The Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin Holds Annual Awards Ceremony

Madison, WI (March 2, 2010) – The Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin (AROW) held its annual awards ceremony last week in conjunction with the 2010 Wisconsin Integrated Resource Management Conference (www.regonline.com/WIRMC) in the Wisconsin Dells. The organization presented awards recognizing excellence in recycling and reuse to a school from Western Wisconsin, a team of county employees from Southeastern Wisconsin, and a recycling and composting pioneer from Central Wisconsin.

“As the voice for recycling and waste reduction in Wisconsin, AROW is gratified in recognizing the achievements of industry professionals and citizen groups,” said Wess Damro, AROW President. “This year’s recipients clearly demonstrate the caliber of our industry and the dedication of Wisconsin’s citizens to continually improve recycling and waste reduction efforts in the state.

Kathy Powell, Education and Program Specialist with Recycling Connections Corporation (Stevens Point, WI), received the Christy Dixon Recycler of the Year award – a recognition given to an individual whose career demonstrates the highest professional standards. Ms. Powell was honored for her nearly 30 years of service and dedication towards cultivating recycling and composting infrastructures in Wisconsin.

The Hudson School District’s Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (R3) Committee was presented with the Outstanding Achievement in Recycling award for their development of a successful district-wide R3 program. The committee is comprised of staff from all levels and buildings (support, custodial, administration, food services, elementary, middle and high school). The district - which includes 5441 students, 650 staff members and 9 buildings - is working to reduce food waste, develop a composting program at each school, improve recycling collection, and reduce energy usage.

The Waukesha County Recycling Team received the award for Outstanding Achievement in Education. In 2009, the team coordinated public education and promotion, recycling compliance, and helped coordinate a successful recycling program that resulted in processing and marketing 22,000 tons of residential recyclables. Staff also provided public education for an ongoing household hazardous waste collection program for residents of 37 municipalities to properly manage more than 200,000 pounds of old paint, chemicals, mercury, and other hazardous waste.

Please visit <http://arow-online.org/awards.html> for more information about AROW’s Awards Program and the 2010 recipients.

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About the Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin (AROW)

Founded in 1990, AROW is an association representing Wisconsin’s recycling, waste reduction and sustainability professionals. The organization provides leadership through education, advocacy, and collaboration and promotes effective, efficient and sustainable material recovery initiatives. For details on AROW, its positions and programs visit www.arow-online.org.

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