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CITY OF SAN DIEGO SEARCHES FOR LOCAL COMPANIES TO NAME TOP RECYCLERS

*Applications for the City's 18th Annual Waste Reduction and Diversion Awards Program
Are Available Now*

San Diego, CA – Does your business or organization recycle? If so, you could win the City of San Diego's *Recycler of the Year Award* or the *Director's Recycling Award*. Each year, the City's Environmental Services Department (ESD) selects businesses and organizations located in the City that have implemented or expanded innovative and successful waste reduction, recycling and recycled product purchasing programs. The Recycler of the Year Award winners will be honored at a Special Event in April, 2010.

“After the City Recycling Ordinance went into effect in January, 2007, the efforts of our residents and businesses have resulted in San Diego reaching a 64% recycling diversion rate earlier this year,” said Mayor Jerry Sanders. “We would like to recognize the companies and organizations that take the initiative and develop recycling and waste reduction programs because we see them as leaders that are setting an example for others to follow,” he added.

Recycling award applications are due by Friday, February 19, 2010. Award applications can be downloaded from www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/advantage.shtml or obtained by calling Meghan Grodeon at 858-492-5009. Completed recycling award applications must be faxed to 858-492-5089, e-mailed to MGrodeon@sandiego.gov or mailed to:

City of San Diego
Environmental Services Department
Attention: Meghan Grodeon
9601 Ridgehaven Court, Suite 320
San Diego, CA 92123

The Environmental Services Department provides local businesses with assistance in developing waste reduction and recycling programs with a free comprehensive waste analysis. For more information about ESD's programs, call 858-694-7000, or visit the website at www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/

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