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## City Invites Local Companies and Organizations to Participate in Top Recycler Competition

APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE CITY'S WASTE REDUCTION AND DIVERSION AWARDS PROGRAM

SAN DIEGO – If your business or organization reduced waste in 2017, the City of San Diego wants to hear about it. Beginning today through Friday, Feb. 9, applications are being accepted for the 2018 Recycler of the Year Award.

The Environmental Services Department (ESD) annually recognizes businesses and organizations located within the City that have implemented or expanded innovative and successful waste reduction, recycling and recycled product purchasing programs.

Applicants are eligible to win in several award categories including Recycler of the Year, Rising Star, and Lifetime Achievement. Applicants with the most comprehensive, innovative and/or improved recycling programs will receive the highest honor, the Recycler of the Year Award.

Top recyclers will be honored at an awards ceremony to be held at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan Λ Irwin Jacobs Common this May. All applicants will be invited.

"We are honored to recognize the City's top recyclers because everyone knows that recycling is good for the environment and it helps extend the life of the Miramar Landfill," said Environmental Services Director, Mario Sierra. "These businesses and organizations are contributing to the City's Climate Action Plan goal of zero waste by the year 2040."

Award applications can be downloaded at the <u>ESD Waste Reduction Division website</u> or by contacting Jennifer Hobbs at <u>JHobbs@sandiego.gov</u> or 858-492-5076. Recycling award applications are due by Friday, Feb. 9, 2018 and must be <u>emailed</u> or mailed to:

Jennifer Hobbs City of San Diego Environmental Services Department 9601 Ridgehaven Court, Suite 320 San Diego, CA 92123

ESD provides local businesses with assistance in developing waste reduction and recycling programs through a free comprehensive waste analysis. For more information about ESD programs, call 858-694-7000 or visit their website at <u>www.recyclingworks.com</u>.



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