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## **City of San Diego Seeks Local Businesses to Apply for Recycling Award** CITY'S BUSINESS WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING AWARD

CITY'S BUSINESS WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING AWARD PROGRAM NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS TO HONOR INNOVATIVE WASTE REDUCTION EFFORTS

SAN DIEGO – If your business or organization took steps to increase its recycling or reduce its waste in 2018, the City of San Diego wants to recognize your efforts. Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 9 through Friday, Feb. 8, applications are being accepted for the 2019 Business Waste Reduction and Recycling Award.

Each year, the Environmental Services Department (ESD) recognizes businesses and organizations located within the City of San Diego that have implemented or expanded innovative and successful waste reduction and recycling programs, as well as recycled product purchasing programs.

Applicants with the most comprehensive, creative and/or improved recycling programs will receive the City's Business Waste Reduction and Recycling Award. Top recyclers will be recognized at an awards ceremony in May 2019 at the San Diego Central Library. All applicants will be invited to the awards event.

"We would like to honor those businesses and organizations who are doing their part to help the City achieve its Climate Action Plan goal of zero waste by the year 2040," said Environmental Services Department Director, Mario Sierra. "Their efforts are helping to extend the life of the Miramar Landfill, reducing their carbon footprint and setting an example for other businesses to join in the City's campaign to reduce waste in the workplace."

Applications can be downloaded at <u>ESD's website</u>, completed online or by contacting Jennifer Hobbs at <u>JHobbs@sandiego.gov</u> or 858-492-5076. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 8, 2019 and can be <u>emailed</u> or mailed to the City of San Diego, Environmental Services Department c/o Jennifer Hobbs, 9601 Ridgehaven Court, Suite 320, San Diego, CA 92123.

The City of San Diego provides local businesses with assistance in developing waste reduction and recycling programs by offering a cost-free comprehensive waste analysis. For more information about ESD programs, call 858-694-7000 or visit ESD's website at <u>www.recyclingworks.com</u>.



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