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City of San Diego Seeks Local Businesses to Apply for 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 2019, the City of San Diego wants to recognize your efforts. Beginning Friday, Jan. 10 through Monday, Feb. 10, applications are being accepted for the 2020 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 2020 at the San Diego Central Library. All applicants will be invited to the awards event.

"Each year, businesses and organizations work to improve their waste diversion programs," said Environmental Services Department Interim Director, Gene Matter. "It's prudent we honor them for helping the City achieve its Climate Action Plan goal of zero waste by the year 2040. Their hard work not only helps extend the life of the Miramar Landfill, but it reduces their carbon footprint. We hope this will inspire other businesses who are looking 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 Meagan Browning at <u>MBrowning@sandiego.gov</u> or 858-627-3310. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, 2020 and can be <u>emailed</u> or mailed to the City of San Diego, Environmental Services Department c/o Meagan Browning, 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 www.recyclingworks.com.



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