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MAYOR BALLARD ANNOUNCES 2013 SUSTAINABILITY AWARD WINNERS

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard today honored five local organizations and businesses for their efforts to make the city more sustainable. The winners were announced at the 2013 Sustainability Awards luncheon at the JW Marriott hotel in downtown Indianapolis.

“This year’s winning projects exemplify the ways businesses, residents and community partners can work together to improve our city,” said Mayor Ballard. “They are leading the way to make our city one of the most sustainable in the country.”

The five categories for the awards are air, land, water, energy, and reduce, reuse, recycle.

Air

- **Winning Project: Wet Electrostatic Precipitator (WESP)**
 - Quemetco, Inc.

Energy

- **Winning Project: Compressed Natural Gas Conversion**
 - Monarch Beverage

Land

- **Winning Project: Service Center for Culture and Community**
 - Big Car

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

- **Winning Project: The Residences at CityWay/ The Alexander Hotel (CityWay Phase 1)**
 - Buckingham Companies

Water

- **Winning Project: Double 8 Rain Garden**
 - Indy Tilth

The Indianapolis Sustainability Awards are presented annually by the City's Office of Sustainability and the McKinney Green Initiatives Fund. This year’s awards were sponsored by Tom Wood Automotive Group. Application deadlines for the 2014 Indianapolis Sustainability Awards will be announced later in 2013. For more information about the Office of Sustainability please visit www.indy.gov/sustainindy.

The Sustainability Awards are presented in five categories:

Air

Lead recycler Quemetco, Inc. for its *Wet Electrostatic Precipitator (WESP)*

The WESP is a state of the art air quality process for particulate removal. The WESP is a polishing device in addition to the existing filter and scrubber operations. This is an ideal project to be considered for the Sustainability Award in the "Air" category because it is progressive and unique to this industry and to this city. The significant emission reduction is a model for others in the industry. Quemetco operates a secondary lead smelting facility for the purpose of lead recycling. The Quemetco facility recovers lead from lead acid batteries and lead scrap to produce refined lead and various lead alloys.

Energy

Monarch Beverage for its *Compressed Natural Gas Conversion*

The Monarch Beverage Compressed Natural Gas Conversion Project includes conversion of 85 percent of its fleet to CNG and the building of an on-site compressed natural gas fueling station. The project is part of an ongoing effort to incorporate environmentally sustainable operations into company practices. The CNG conversion is projected to reduce Monarch's annual CO2 emissions by approximately 1,500 tons annually. In addition to reducing emissions, the fleet at Monarch Beverage will now also displace approximately 800,000 gallons of diesel fuel annually.

Land

Big Car Service Center for *Culture and Community*

The Big Car Service Center for Culture and Community is an 11,500-square foot building adjacent to two IndyGo bus stops includes a main lobby and eight garage bays. The surrounding land, nearly an acre, was a sea of asphalt that Big Car turned into a community garden, with the help of many volunteers. In spring 2011, ten raised beds were built and planted as a demonstration. Big Car received a \$5,000 façade grant from LISC to spruce up the face of the building with paint and lighting. A mural was also installed at Service Center, as part of the Arts Council of Indianapolis 46 for XLVI mural project.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Buckingham Companies for *The Residences at CityWay/The Alexander Hotel*

CityWay is a new urban neighborhood that extends the "traditional" downtown boundaries. This project embraced "reduce-reuse-recycle" not only as a mantra that drove key design decisions, but also as a guide for operations over the many years to come. During construction 64 percent, (740 of 1161 tons) of all trash and debris was diverted to be recycled, thus reducing strain on landfills, and reducing the use of virgin materials. Overall water use was reduced by 20 percent compared to typical building standards. This project stands as a model of sustainable, livable redevelopment.

Water

Indy Tilth for the *Double 8 Rain Garden*

The IndyTilth Double 8 Rain Garden is a comprehensive on-site stormwater management system installed at the Double 8 Foods grocery store in the Mapleton-Fall Creek neighborhood. The new rain gardens effectively manage almost 100 percent of this parcel's stormwater on-site, reduce storm drain silting, and help to mitigate combined sewer overflow (CSO) events that adversely impact Fall Creek. The rain garden also serves as a tangible example and model of on-site stormwater remediation technique that is applicable to both commercial and residential properties.

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