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2015 BIZSMART@WORK AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Public Invited to Vote for Their Favorite Nominee for their Recycling and Composting Efforts in the Rethinker's Choice Award Category

SAN CARLOS, CA - June 17, 2015 – RethinkWaste, in collaboration with Recology San Mateo County, is excited to announce the winners of the 2015 BizSMART@Work Awards who will be honored at a luncheon to be held Friday, June 26, 2015 at the Shoreway Environmental Center in San Carlos. The awards will recognize businesses and multi-family complexes for their efforts to reduce their waste in 2014 through the BizSMART Recycle, Compost and Garbage collection services.

The public also has a chance to select the 2015 Rethinker's Choice Award by voting for their favorite nominees selected from the Recycle and Compost category winners through the RethinkWaste website. The winner of the 2015 Rethinkers' Choice Award will be announced at the luncheon.

"We are pleased to recognize an outstanding group of businesses for their exemplary recycling and composting efforts," remarked Kevin McCarthy, Executive Director of RethinkWaste. "These award winners are setting a great example for other businesses to follow and we hope such efforts will spur on others to become recycling and composting leaders in our service area."

The luncheon will be held from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, at the RethinkWaste Board of Directors Meeting Room at the Shoreway Environmental Center, 225 Shoreway Road, San Carlos. Award categories include Recycle, Compost, and a combined Recycle and Compost one. The winners for this year's awards are as follows:

Composting Category:

A - Lot - A Gelato and More, Belmont
Hola's Mexican Restaurant, Belmont
Learning Links Preschool, Burlingame
Osteria Coppa, San Mateo
Soleska Market, Menlo Park

Recycling Category:

Belmont Plywood and Doors Co., San Mateo County
Torello Association, Burlingame
Vlahos and Vozike Properties, San Carlos

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MEMBER AGENCIES: Town of Atherton • City of Belmont • City of Burlingame • City of East Palo Alto • City of Foster City • Town of Hillsborough
City of Menlo Park • City of Redwood City • City of San Carlos • City of San Mateo • County of San Mateo • West Bay Sanitary District

Recycling and Composting Category:

707 Old County Road Apartments, Belmont
2104 Sand Hill Road, LLC, West Bay Sanitary District
Barracuda Restaurant, Burlingame
Carpenter's Union #217, Foster City
Celia's Mexican Restaurant, San Mateo
Depot Café, San Carlos
DES Architects + Engineers Inc., Redwood City
Fare, PDQ, Belmont
Fattoria e Mare, Burlingame
Hudson Pacific Properties - Metro Center, Foster City
Lulu's on the Alameda, Menlo Park
Oracle, Redwood City
Our Common Ground, East Palo Alto
Peninsula Golf & Country Club, San Mateo County
SamTrans, San Carlos
Sapore Italiano, Burlingame
Specialty's Café & Bakery, Redwood City
Trader Joe's #69, Menlo Park
Westlake Development Company, Foster City

The public can cast their votes for their favorites online at www.RethinkWaste.org starting Thursday, June 18, 2015. Voting closes by 5 pm on Wednesday, June 24, 2015.

Nominations for the 2015 BizSMART@Work Awards were accepted through May 1, 2015 and winners were selected by RethinkWaste and Recology staff based on the nominees' recycling and composting efforts and activities in 2014. The annual awards were started in 2012 and are held each spring. All businesses and multi-family complexes that have either recycling or compost collection services provided by Recology San Mateo County are eligible to participate in the annual awards program.

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RethinkWaste is a joint powers authority of twelve public Agencies (Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo, the County of San Mateo and the West Bay Sanitary District) in San Mateo County, California and is a leader in the delivery of innovative waste reduction and recycling programs. RethinkWaste owns and manages the award-winning Shoreway Environmental Center which receives all the recyclables, organic materials, and materials (i.e. solid waste) collected in its service area. RethinkWaste's environmental education and tour program has also received state and national awards, and hosts nearly six thousand visitors per year. RethinkWaste also provides strategic oversight, support and management of service providers that collect, process, recycle and dispose of materials for its Member Agencies. RethinkWaste (i.e., South Bayside Waste Management Authority) was formed in 1982. For more information on RethinkWaste, please visit our website at www.RethinkWaste.org or follow us at www.Facebook.com/rethinkwaste or www.Twitter.com/rethinkwaste.

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