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Congratulations 2011 Business Efficiency Award Winners!

10 Alameda County Firms Honored for Outstanding Achievements



The news is out! At an award ceremony October 28th, StopWaste announced this year's winners of the annual Business Efficiency Awards:

Leadership & Achievement in Sustainability Award:
Finelite Inc. (Union City)

Mentor Award:
US Foods (Livermore)

Business Efficiency Awards:

- Amtrak (Oakland)
- Chabot Space & Science Center (Oakland)
- Dublin Corporate Center managed by Tishman Speyer (Dublin)
- Kaiser Greater Southern Alameda Area (Hayward, Fremont & Union City)
- Kaiser Foundation Health Plan (Oakland)
- SYNEX Corporation (Fremont)

Honorable Mentions:

- GSC Logistics (Oakland)
- Holy Sprit Church (Fremont)
- Unigen (Fremont)

Chosen among Alameda County organizations actively working with the StopWaste Business Partnership, the awards honor outstanding achievements in waste reduction, environmental performance, and mentoring

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peers on business efficiency practices.

Be inspired! [Read more about the winners' achievements here](#) and keep an eye out for upcoming issues of the Update featuring individual awardees and their stories.

Meet the New StopWaste Partnership Field Team

Business Efficiency Experts Ready to Support You



With client representatives from Cascadia Consulting and Nothing Wasted Consulting, the StopWaste Business Partnership is transitioning to a new technical assistance team to offer your organization advice and hands-on support in waste reduction matters.

All experts in business efficiency and sustainability, the seven new team members are ready to help you identify waste reduction opportunities, set up or expand recycling and green waste collection, train staff, [apply for waste reduction grants](#) and provide resources to guide your efforts. As always, these services are available free of charge to medium and large businesses and institutions in Alameda County. If you haven't yet worked with us, [contact us today!](#)

To read short bios of our new team members Tracie Onstad Bills, John Mulrow, Hilary Near, Andrea Deleon, Andrew Sloan, Melissa Baxter-Nelson and Alan Ha, [click here](#).

We are also happy to have Maia Coladonato, David Jaber and Reagan Chung from SAIC and InNative Consulting continuing to help businesses prevent waste with our [Use Reusables](#) program.

Stop Waste at Work and Win!

Weekly prizes for recycling at the office. Sign up today!



Do you recycle at home? Do it at work, too, and get rewarded! Through the end of November, anyone working in Alameda County has a chance to win prizes by pledging to sort their office waste properly and encouraging co-workers to do the same.

It's easy: cans, bottles, paper and cardboard go in the recycle bin, food waste and other compostables in the green bin (where available), and as little material as possible goes into the garbage bin.

To pledge and be entered in the weekly prize drawings visit StopWasteAtWork.Org. Prizes include gift cards to REI and Whole Foods.

In addition, the Stop Waste at Work Contest Prize Crew will travel to randomly selected businesses in the county to identify and reward those who are doing an exceptional job of recycling. Winning businesses are eligible to receive an office pizza party, valued at \$100.

To pledge and be entered in the weekly prize drawings visit StopWasteAtWork.Org today!

Apply for the 2012 Acterra Business Environmental Awards

Nominate Your Company by December 9



Calling all green business champions! Applications for Acterra's 2012 Business Environmental Awards are now available at www.acterra.org/bea.

This year's categories are: Environmental Project, Environmental Innovation, Sustainable Built Environment and the Acterra Award for Sustainability.

Download the Application at www.acterra.org/bea. The early-bird deadline is November 15, 2011 and all applications are due on December 9, 2011.

For more information, please contact awards@acterra.org.

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