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NATIONAL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2011 SMALL BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARDS

June 2, 2011 – The National Steering Committee (NSC) for the Small Business Ombudsman/Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBO/SBEAPs) recognized four award winners during its 8th Annual Small Business Recognition Awards Ceremony Wednesday, May 4, 2011. The ceremony was held during the 2011 SBO/SBEAP State Partner Training at The Sheraton Raleigh Hotel in Raleigh, NC.

The *Trade Association Environmental Leadership Award* recognizes exemplary performance and leadership by an industry trade organization in enhancing members' compliance with applicable environmental regulations and encouraging their stewardship of the environment. In recognition of their green certification program, Alex Yankaskas, President, accepted on behalf of the New Jersey Green Automotive Repair Program (NJGARP). Also recognized in this category was the Tennessee Concrete Association (TCA), represented by Executive Director Alan Sparkman. Leading by example in protecting the environment, TCA was the first trade association to achieve Partner level in the Tennessee Pollution Prevention Partnership.

The *Small Business Environmental Stewardship Award* recognizes exemplary performance in pollution prevention leadership, industrial environmental leadership, and community environmental leadership. The nominee(s) must have worked with their local, state/territorial, or national SBO/SBEAP in these efforts. 2nd Season Recycling of Middleton, Wisconsin was honored in this category for their diversion of materials from the landfill and innovative reuse of the materials, which highlight the stewardship goals of the company. Jeanne Whitish, CEO and co-owner, accepted on the behalf of the company.

The *Small Business Environmental Assistance Program Award* recognizes exemplary performance in one or more areas where individuals and programs have contributed their time, created resources and work products, promoted policy advancements, developed program innovations, and established new partnerships to build a strong network of small business assistance. The Wisconsin Small Business Clean Air Assistance Program (WI SBCAAP) was recognized for their exemplary performance in providing assistance to small business as well as exemplary leadership within the national network of SBO/SBEAPs.

For more information about the National Small Business Recognition Awards program as well as the services offered on the local and national levels by the Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs, visit the Small Business Environmental Home Page at www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org. The web page is maintained by Audrey Graylin Zelanko, Vision Technologies, Inc. and AGZ & Associates, LLC supported by funding from the US EPA ASBO, Office of Small Business Programs.