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## ARIZONA FORWARD NAMES 49 FINALISTS IN 33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

PHOENIX (Aug. 30, 2013) – If sustainable design and development is an indicator, the economy is moving in the right direction in the Grand Canyon State, with more than 110 entries submitted in Arizona Forward’s Environmental Excellence Awards program.

The 33<sup>rd</sup> annual event, formerly presented by Valley Forward which took its mission statewide this year, will feature 16 first-place Crescordia winners and 33 Awards of Merit on Sept. 14 at The Phoenician Resort in Scottsdale. Known as the “*Academy Awards*” of the environmental community, the program is presented in partnership with SRP for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

The awards set standards for achieving a balance between the built and natural environment, spotlighting projects that impact the area’s physical, technical, social and aesthetic development. It is Arizona’s oldest and largest competition of its kind.

For the first time ever, statewide submissions were accepted in a single category of the program – Environmental Stewardship (SRP Award). The expanded geographic focus commemorates the association’s transition from Valley Forward to Arizona Forward.

“This year was especially competitive and showcases the high priority sustainability has in our growing region,” said Diane Brossart, president and CEO of Arizona Forward. “The awards have become powerful vehicles in advocating for the preservation of natural resources – air, water, open space and our unique desert environment.”

Finalist projects encompass several categories, including: buildings and structures, livable communities, site development and landscape, art in public places, environmental technologies, environmental education/communication and environmental stewardship (SRP Award).

The entries represent projects by public, private, educational and non-profit sectors. One submittal per category may be presented with the coveted Crescordia award, named from a Greek term meaning, “to grow in harmony.” In addition, up to two Awards of Merit may be presented per category. Arizona Forward will also bestow its most prestigious honor – the President’s Award – on an individual, business, organization, program or event for special achievement in environmental excellence.

The competition has become especially competitive among municipalities and government agencies. This year, the city of Phoenix faired especially well as a finalist on 13 projects. Avondale is associated with four finalist projects and Scottsdale with three. Peoria will be recognized with two finalist submissions and Buckeye, Chandler, Queen Creek and Tucson with one each. In addition, Maricopa County, Pima County and Pinal County have one finalist project each. Collaboration among public and private sector interests, volunteerism and environmental education are key themes among this year’s winners.

Steve Thompson, former senior vice president for Wells Fargo and the 2007 Chair of the Board for Valley Forward, served as lead judge for the competition. He has more than three decades of experience in the financial industry, most recently responsible for directing marketing activities in Wells Fargo's Desert Mountain Region. The region included 450 banking stores and \$26.1 billion in deposits in Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico. His successful career also included roles with Crocker National Bank, Citibank Arizona and Norwest Banks.

Other jurists include: Ron Epperson, managing director, Intellectual Energy; Jeanne Forbis, global corporate affairs communications manager, Intel Corporation; Tim Kinney, president, Kinney Construction in Flagstaff; Larry Kornegay, principal, Kornegay Design; Dan Litteral, vice president of legal and associate general counsel, University of Phoenix/Apollo Group; Irene Ogata, urban landscape manager for the city of Tucson and president of the American Society of Landscape Architects; Nick Taratsas, vice president of development, DMB Associates; and Kurt Wadlington, senior project director, Sundt Construction.

EEA finalist projects represent more than 46 Arizona companies, non-profit organizations and government agencies, with the event drawing nearly 700 community and corporate leaders.

Since its inception in 1969 as Valley Forward, Arizona Forward has brought business and civic leaders together to convene thoughtful public dialogue on regional issues and to improve the sustainability of communities in the Grand Canyon State.

For information or reservations, call Arizona Forward at (602) 240-2408 or register online at [arizonaforward.org](http://arizonaforward.org).

***A complete list of finalists and their respective categories in Arizona Forward's Environmental Excellence Awards program follows.***

## 2013 EEA FINALIST REPORT

### **BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES: Residential**

Name of Entry: Encore on Farmer

Submitted by: Oakland Construction

Name of Entry: Gordon Estates

Submitted by: Mandalay Homes

Name of Entry: Lofts at McKinley

Submitted by: Gorman & Company, Inc.

### **BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES: Civic**

Name of Entry: LEED Platinum Phoenix Fire Station No. 59

Submitted by: LEA-Architects, LLC

Name of Entry: Maricopa County South Court Tower

Submitted by: Gilbane Building Company

Name of Entry: Tom's Thumb Trailhead in the Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve

Submitted by: Fucello Architects

### **BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES: Historic Preservation**

Name of Entry: 1891 Second Pinal County Courthouse Rehabilitation

Submitted by: Pinal County Board of Supervisors

Name of Entry: EMCC Buckeye Educational Center at 1928 BUHS A-Wing

Submitted by: Michael Wilson Kelly - Architects, Ltd.

### **BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES: Commercial & Mixed Use**

Name of Entry: 4400 Civic Center

Submitted by: John Douglas Architects

Name of Entry: DARTS

Submitted by: Gabor Lorant Architects Inc.

### **BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES: Institutional**

Name of Entry: Central Arizona College - Superstition Mountain Campus

Submitted by: Adolfson & Peterson Construction

Name of Entry: Fireside Elementary School

Submitted by: DLR Group

Name of Entry: University of Arizona Health Sciences Education Building

Submitted by: Ayers Saint Gross

### **BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES: Industrial & Public Works**

Name of Entry: City of Phoenix - Corona Service Yard

Submitted by: Gabor Lorant Architects Inc.

**LIVABLE COMMUNITIES: Sustainable Communities**

Name of Entry: Aeroterra Redevelopment Project  
Submitted by: City of Phoenix Housing Department

Name of Entry: PHX Renews  
Submitted by: Keep Phoenix Beautiful

Name of Entry: Stabilizing Phoenix Neighborhoods Using Sustainable Green Standards and Strategies  
Submitted by: City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department

**LIVABLE COMMUNITIES: Adaptive Reuse**

Name of Entry: Canvas Corridor  
Submitted by: C & H Associates

**LIVABLE COMMUNITIES: Multimodal Transportation & Connectivity**

Name of Entry: City of Avondale Zoom Neighborhood Circulator  
Submitted by: City of Avondale

Name of Entry: The Sky Train Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport  
Submitted by: City of Phoenix Aviation Department

**LIVABLE COMMUNITIES: Public Policy/Plans**

Name of Entry: General Plan 2030  
Submitted by: City of Avondale

Name of Entry: Sustainable Community Master Plan for the Navajo Nation  
Submitted by: Swaback Partners, PLLC

**SITE DEVELOPMENT AND LANDSCAPE: Public Sector**

Name of Entry: Centennial Way Federal Aid Transportation Enhancement  
Submitted by: Achen-Gardner Construction, LLC

Name of Entry: City of Peoria Green Campus  
Submitted by: City of Peoria

**SITE DEVELOPMENT AND LANDSCAPE: Private Sector**

Name of Entry: DARTS  
Submitted by: Gabor Lorant Architects Inc.

**SITE DEVELOPMENT AND LANDSCAPE: Trails**

Name of Entry: Scottsdale Via Dona Trail  
Submitted by: City of Scottsdale

Name of Entry: Skip Rimsza Pathway in the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve  
Submitted by: City of Phoenix

**SITE DEVELOPMENT AND LANDSCAPE: Parks**

Name of Entry: Avondale Community Garden  
Submitted by: City of Avondale

Name of Entry: Downtown Owls  
Submitted by: Audubon Arizona

Name of Entry: Westwing Neighborhood Park  
Submitted by: EPG

**ART IN PUBLIC PLACES**

Name of Entry: HI-BROW  
Submitted by: Colab Studio, LLC

Name of Entry: Nodal Water Garden  
Submitted by: Scottsdale Public Art

Name of Entry: PHX Sky Train Terminal 4 Connector Bridges Glass Mural Project  
Submitted by: Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture

**ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES: Public Sector**

Name of Entry: DVL UAV Rainwater Harvesting Innovative Technologies Project  
Submitted by: Desert View Landscape, LLC

Name of Entry: Surface Aeration for the Removal of Disinfection Byproducts from  
Drinking Water  
Submitted by: City of Phoenix Water Services Department

**ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES: Private Sector**

Name of Entry: Inovus  
Submitted by: Strategies 360

Name of Entry: PepsiCo Tolleson Sustainability Program  
Submitted by: PepsiCo

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/COMMUNICATION: Public Sector**

Name of Entry: Chandler Water Audit Program  
Submitted by: City of Chandler

Name of Entry: City of Avondale Solar Demonstration Project  
Submitted by: City of Avondale

Name of Entry: Do More Blue (Jeans)  
Submitted by: Town of Queen Creek

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/COMMUNICATION: Educators, Students & Nonprofits**

Name of Entry: River Pathways  
Submitted by: Audubon Arizona

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP (SRP Award): Central Arizona**

Name of Entry: Janice Miano  
Submitted by: Arizona Heritage Alliance

Name of Entry: McDowell Sonoran Field Institute Citizen-Science Program  
Submitted by: Daniel G. Gruber

Name of Entry: Wilderness Stewardship Program  
Submitted by: Arizona Wilderness Coalition

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP (SRP Award): Northern Arizona**

Name of Entry: Chip Norton

Submitted by: Jane Whitmire, Ph.D.

Name of Entry: Grand Canyon Trust Volunteer Program

Submitted by: Grand Canyon Trust

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP (SRP Award): Southern Arizona**

Name of Entry: Pima County Sustainable Action Plan for County Operations

Submitted by: Pima County

Name of Entry: Trees for Tucson

Submitted by: Tucson Clean & Beautiful, Inc.

Name of Entry: Tucson Electric Power - University of Arizona Science and Technology Park

Submitted by: Tucson Electric Power

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