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**ARIZONA FORWARD & SRP SEEKS STATEWIDE ENTRIES FOR
37th ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS PROGRAM**

All Categories Open to Statewide Submittals

ARIZONA (June 6, 2017) – Arizona Forward is now accepting nominations for its [37th Annual Environmental Excellence Awards](#) presented by SRP. The state's oldest and largest competition of its kind recognizes contributions to the sustainability of the Grand Canyon State and has become known as the *Academy Awards* of the environmental community.

The landmark competition is embracing projects throughout Arizona for the third year. Established in 1980, the Environmental Excellence Awards originally recognized exemplary contributions to the sustainability of Valley communities, and now embraces eight broad-based statewide categories.

Submissions must be mailed or hand-delivered to the Arizona Forward office at 3800 N. Central Ave., Suite 1010, Phoenix, AZ 85012 by 4 p.m., Friday, July 7. Late submissions will be accepted through July 13 and subject to an additional fee.

To demonstrate the power of collaboration, Arizona Forward joined forces with key public and private sector influencers to present specific categories. All submittals must fall into one or more of the following broad-based categories:

- Governor's Award for Arizona's Future
- Buildings and Structures
- Vitalyst Health Foundation Award for Healthy Communities
- Energy and Technology Innovation
- Site Development
- Art in Public Places
- Northern Arizona University Environmental Education/Communication Award
- SRP Award for Environmental Stewardship

First-place winners in each of the 17 subcategories will receive the Crescordia award, named for the Greek term meaning *“To grow in harmony.”* Arizona Forward will also confer its most prestigious honor, the President's Award, on an individual or organization that has had an exceptional impact on environmental quality.

Recipients will be announced at an awards gala on Saturday, September 23, 2017, at the **Westin Kierland Resort**. More than 600 business and civic leaders typically attend.

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Environmental Excellence Awards are highly sought by companies both large and small, government agencies, cities and towns, non-profits, design professionals, educators, media representatives, artists, technicians and others.

A panel of jurists appointed for their expertise in each of the award categories will evaluate entries. Finalists will be notified prior to the gala, however, specific awards will not be announced until that evening. All winners will be asked to prepare a presentation board featuring their project, which will be shown at the awards banquet.

Finalists will also be spotlighted in a special section featured in a comprehensive media campaign. Crescordia winners will be included in a one-year museum-quality traveling exhibit to high profile locations throughout Arizona.

Arizona Forward is a 48-year-old, non-profit public interest organization that brings public and private sector leaders together to improve the environmental quality and economic vitality of cities and towns throughout the Grand Canyon State. Its collective influence ensures healthy communities through smart growth and development, efficient transportation, improved air quality, responsible water management, energy alternatives, healthy forest ecosystems and meaningful education throughout Arizona.

Nomination forms are available by calling (602) 240-2408 and are posted on the organization's website at arizonaforward.org.

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