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**Call for Entries for Arizona Forward's 39th Annual
Environmental Excellence Awards Presented by SRP**
Open for Statewide Submissions

June 13, 2019 | Phoenix, AZ: Arizona Forward, the state's leading sustainability organization driving major initiatives for Arizona, announced a Call for Entries for its 39th Annual Environmental Excellence Awards presented in partnership with SRP. The awards program is Arizona's most prestigious recognition related to statewide projects that impact quality of life. **The entry process is underway with an extended deadline of July 17, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

"This year's awards program is especially important," said Lori Singleton, CEO and president of Arizona Forward. "As Arizona climbs the ranks of being one of the fastest growing states in the nation and we continue to add more people, rewarding the organizations and individuals who are developing solutions to maintain quality of life is essential. We will also be celebrating Arizona Forward's 50th anniversary with the community during our awards gala in September. As we celebrate our organization's past accomplishments, we will also be looking to the future on how we can work collectively as a state to ensure Arizona remains the best place to live, work and play."

An individual, firm, agency or business in the public or private sector conducting work in Arizona that directly impacts the environment, city resilience or sustainability within the state is eligible for an award. **Award categories are:**

Governor's Award for Arizona's Future
Buildings and Structures
Site Development and Landscape
Healthy Communities

Technology Innovation
Art in Public Places
Environmental Education and Communication
Sustainability Champion
Waste Reduction

"We have been proud to partner with Arizona Forward to honor important environmental projects," said Kelly Barr, Associate General Manager, Chief Corporate Services and Sustainability Executive at SRP. "As a founding member of Arizona Forward, we realize that the focus on sustainability is even more critical now than the past. We hope this program and the excellent work from the award candidates will inspire other organizations and individuals in the Arizona community."

Arizona Forward's visionary members are year-round supporters of the organization's programs which include SRP, City of Phoenix, Wells Fargo, Intel Corporation, APS, Honeywell and Freeport-McMoran.

Projects will be reviewed by a judging panel made up of leaders and experts in the community. Award recipients will be announced at the **Environmental Excellence Awards & 50th Anniversary Black-Tie Gala held at the Arizona Biltmore Resort on September 21, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** The gala is open to the public, but reservations are required. More than 500 esteemed people throughout the state attend the gala each year.

More information about the awards program, project entry forms and gala reservations can be accessed at arizonaforward.org.

About Arizona Forward

Arizona Forward is the state's leading sustainability not-for-profit organization that has successfully worked on major environmental initiatives for Arizona since 1969. The organization leverages its collective power by forming solid partnerships with Arizona business leaders, local and state officials, state education leaders and policymakers to drive how the state can best grow its communities, stimulate the economy and enhance the environment. Arizona Forward has a prominent membership of nearly 200 public and private sector organizations that serve on issue committees and participate in events throughout the year.

About SRP

SRP is a community-based, not-for-profit public power utility and the largest provider of electricity in the greater Phoenix metropolitan area, serving more than 1 million customers. SRP is also the metropolitan area's largest supplier of water, delivering about 800,000 acre-feet annually to municipal, urban and agricultural water users.