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## **SWANA ANNOUNCES 2008 EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS**

*HONOREES TO BE RECOGNIZED AT WASTECON 2008*

June 10, 2008 - SWANA is pleased to announce the 2008 Excellence Awards winners. The Awards program was created to recognize outstanding facilities, operations and programs committed to the "environmentally and economically sound management of solid waste," while at the same time, encouraging innovation. Award winners will be honored during the SWANA Awards Luncheon at WASTECON 2008 in Tampa, Florida, Thursday, October 23.

"SWANA is proud to recognize the 2008 Excellence Award Winners" said John Skinner, Ph.D., SWANA Executive Director and CEO. "These organizations are a credit to their communities and an inspiration to others in the solid waste profession."

The award winners in 12 categories include:

### **Collection Systems Award**

Gold – City of Mesa, Arizona, Curbside Collection Rollout.

### **Transfer Station Award**

Gold – Department of Sanitation, City of New York, New York, Staten Island Transfer Station.

### **Communication Award**

Silver – Solid Waste Management Program, Fairfax County, Virginia, Do Not Empty Before 6 AM.

Bronze – Solid Waste Operations, Pinellas County, Florida, Recycle Reference Guides.

### **Marketing Award**

Gold – Waste Management Division, City of Hamilton, Ontario, Gold Box Program.

Silver – Solid Waste Management Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, Commercial Recycling.

Bronze – Utilities Solid Waste Operations, Pinellas County, Florida, No Such Place As Away.

### **Landfill Management Award**

Gold – Texas Disposal Systems, Austin, Texas.

Silver – Department of Public Works, Prince William County, Virginia, Sanitary Landfill.

Bronze – Covanta Haverhill, Massachusetts, Ward Hill Neck Landfill.

### **Landfill Gas Award**

Gold – Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority, Burlington, Pennsylvania.

Silver – Public Works Department, DeKalb County, Georgia.

Bronze – St. Lucie, Florida, Landfill Gas Utilization.

### **Solid Waste Management Systems Award**

Gold – Public Works Department, Santa Barbara County, California.

Silver – Solid Waste Division, King County, Washington.

Bronze – Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Washington, Navy Whidbey Recycle.

### **Special Waste Award**

Gold – Waste Management Division, City of Hamilton, Ontario.

Silver – Utilities Authority, Bergen County, New Jersey.

Bronze – Monterey Regional Waste Management District, California.

### **Composting Systems Award**

Silver – City of Bakersfield, California, Mt. Vernon Recycling & Composting Facility.

Bronze – District of LaPorte County, Indiana, Compost Facility of Solid Waste.

### **Recycling Systems Award**

Gold – Region of Durham, Ontario, Durham Region Material Recovery Facility.

Silver – Solid Waste Management Division, Cecil County, Maryland.

Bronze – University of Virginia Recycling, Charlottesville, Virginia.

### **Innovation Award Winner**

Solid Waste Division, King County, Washington, Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan.

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### **About SWANA:**

For over 40 years, SWANA, The Solid Waste Association of North America, has been the leading professional association in the solid waste management field. SWANA's mission is "to advance the practice of environmentally and economically sound management of municipal solid waste." SWANA serves over 8,000 members and thousands more industry professionals with technical conferences, certifications, publications and a large offering of technical training courses.

### **About WASTECON:**

WASTECON is SWANA's signature annual conference and trade show. Known for being the only international solid waste trade show run for solid waste professionals by solid waste professionals, WASTECON features a large trade show, technical sessions, training courses, workshops, speakers and networking events. This year's conference will be held in Tampa, Florida from October 21-23.

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