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**JOHN BIASINI
ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS
2008**

The Environmental Awards Program is open to all member businesses of The Chamber of Commerce of Southwest Indiana. It is The Chamber's intention to recognize businesses and individuals that have implemented outstanding environmental strategies into their operations. These include innovative environmental practices that reduce waste, air emissions, or costs and benefit the health and welfare of the southwestern Indiana region.

NOMINATED PROJECTS / FACILITIES / INDIVIDUALS

- Must be Chamber members in good standing.
- Must focus on significant environmental protection activity in 2007.
- Agree to share their project or program information with others through a written presentation that will appear in Chamber publications.
- Must be able to present project to others during environmental committee meeting/luncheon.
- Must promote environmental excellence.

AWARDS CATEGORIES

1. Energy / Renewable Resources

This category is for projects or programs that prevent pollution by either reducing energy usage or by producing energy using very low emissions technology. This includes efforts to significantly increase the energy efficiency of buildings or processes.

2. Pollution Prevention / Source Reduction

A business in this category has reduced the use of hazardous materials or strength of wastewater through pollution prevention. This includes input change, product reformulation, production process redesign and/or modification.

3. Recycling / Reuse

This category recognizes out-standing reuse or recycling programs that use innovative methods to reduce the amount of waste sent to final disposal. Projects can address commercial or industrial wastes or "buy recycled" purchasing initiatives.

4. Land Use

This category recognizes projects that incorporate innovative and effective methods or practices to preserve or improve local land use. Qualifying projects will include underutilized land or brown-field redevelopment.

5. Environmental Leadership

This category recognizes outstanding environmental leadership. This award is given to an individual whose work on environmental issues goes above and beyond his or her regular duties. This honor would be by nomination by his or her peers.

NOMINATION QUESTIONS

Find the category of nomination and answer the appropriate questions. Attach these answers to the nomination form.

ENERGY / RENEWABLE RESOURCES

1. **Describe Project, Program or Technology:** Describe the energy efficiency or renewable energy project, program or technology. Explain how it differs from past facility practices. Include energy and/or materials savings.
2. **Environmental Benefits:** Describe how much energy is being saved, or fossil fuel consumption eliminated by this project, program or technology. In what ways is it helping to protect the environment? Have waste materials been reduced or eliminated? Provide numerical data where possible to reinforce strength of the nomination. Describe the metrics used to measure progress.
3. **Health and Safety Benefits:** Has this project or technology reduced occupational exposures and/or improved workplace or community safety?
4. **Innovation:** Why is this project innovative?
5. **Economic Benefits:** Describe any cost savings involved, both short term and long term, related to this project, program or technology. How much did the project cost? What has been the return? Have sales been impacted by this change? What impact has the project made on quality and consumer acceptance of your products?

POLLUTION PREVENTION / SOURCE REDUCTION

1. **Describe Project, Program or Technology:** Describe the pollution prevention project, program or technology. Explain how it differs from past environmental and/or plant management practices. For product substitutions or reformulation, provide a copy of the Materials Safety Data Sheet for the previously used and new chemicals (proprietary data need not be listed).
2. **Environmental Benefits:** In what way(s) is this project, program or technology helping to protect the environment? To what extent has the use and/or generation of toxic materials or environmental waste been reduced or eliminated? Provide numerical data wherever possible to reinforce the strength of the nomination. Describe the metrics used to measure progress.
3. **Health and Safety Benefits:** Has this project, program or technology reduced occupational exposures and/or improved workplace and community safety?
4. **Innovation:** Why is this project innovative?
5. **Economic Benefits:** Describe any cost savings involved, both short term and long term of this new project, program or technology. How much did it cost? What was the return? Have sales been impacted by this change? What impact has this project made on quality and consumer acceptance of your product?

RECYCLING / REUSE

1. **Describe Project, Program or Technology:** Describe the recycling/reuse project, program or technology. Explain how it differs from past practices.

2. **Environmental Benefits:** In what way(s) is the project, program or technology helping in recycling / reuse of raw or scrap materials? Specify the amount and type of materials collected, processed or reduced.
3. **Innovation:** How is your nomination unique or superior to your company or industry? What about this project makes it on the cutting edge of source reduction and recycling? What barriers were overcome for implementation?
4. **Economic Benefits:** Describe any cost savings involved, both short term and long term of this new project, program or technology. How much did it cost? What was the return? Have sales been impacted by this change? What impact has this project made on quality and consumer acceptance of your product?

LAND USE

1. **Project Description:** Describe the land use project. How is it unique or superior to other land use options? How has the nominee achieved excellence in implementation of this project? Projects under consideration will not be limited to industrial development but will include other innovative land uses.
2. **Innovation:** How is the project more effective than traditional practices? What about this project is on the cutting edge of land use options? What barriers were overcome for implementation?
3. **Measurable Results:** Quantify the benefits to the community or environment as a result of this project.
4. **Public Involvement:** How has the public been involved in planning or executing the project? Include details of this involvement and how it affected decisions in the planning stages.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP

1. **Description:** The environmental leadership award will be issued through nomination of peers that describes an individual's efforts to benefit the local environment. Nominations should include a description of how that individual has exceeded the boundaries of their job duties in working to improve or enhance the environment in their place of business or in the community.

Submittal

Nominations are to be submitted to Steve Schaefer, Chamber of Commerce of Southwest Indiana, no later than Friday, September 5th, 2008. Delivery can be by hand, mail or email (see nomination form).

An independent committee composed of environmental professionals and Chamber officials will review nominations.

It is possible that no awards will be issued in a particular category.

An awards recognition luncheon will be held during the month of October 2008.

It is requested, though not mandatory, that the winners in each category make a brief presentation of their projects at that time.



NOMINATION FORM
2008 JOHN BIASINI ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Please fill in the information requested below. Be sure to use this page as a cover page when submitting your nomination. Instructions for how to submit a nomination are on the awards information attachment. Failure to provide adequate information requested may void your application. If you have questions concerning the nomination process, please contact Steve Schaefer at 812-421-5888 or sschaefer@ccswin.com

Award Category: _____

Nominee Information:

1. Contact Name: _____
2. Organization: _____
3. Address: _____

4. Telephone Number: _____
5. Fax number: _____
6. Email Address: _____
7. Attach this nomination form with the written description and documentation of the project (no more than 4 pages) and include material safety data sheets where necessary. Submit an original and one copy.
8. Deliver to:
Steve Schaefer
The Chamber of Commerce of Southwest Indiana
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Evansville, IN 47708
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9. Nominations are due no later than September 5th, 2008. Late nominations will not be accepted.

All applicants will receive at least an honorable mention for their nomination.