

# Maricopa County Air Quality Department Presents the 2015 Blue Sky Awards



## Partnering for Cleaner Air *Call for 2015 Blue Sky Award Entries*

Entry Deadline: October 2, 2015

Award Presentation:

2015 Air Quality Conference

SRP PERA Club, Tempe, AZ

November 6, 2015



**Maricopa County**  
Air Quality Department



## **ANNUAL AIR QUALITY AWARDS PROGRAM**

Maricopa County's Air Quality Department is announcing its Blue Sky Awards that will be presented during the 2015 Annual Air Quality Conference. Awards will be presented to individuals and organizations that have

demonstrated exceptional leadership and made notable contributions in protecting and enhancing air quality in Maricopa County. The winners will be recognized at the Annual Air Quality Conference held in November 2015.

### **AWARD CATEGORIES**

- Air Pollution Reduction and Compliance
- Governmental Agency Excellence in Air Pollution Reduction Efforts
- Exceptional Public Education/Outreach Program
- Exceptional Performance Award

### **ELIGIBILITY**

This competition is open to all individuals, businesses and governmental agencies with operations located in Maricopa County. All awards are based on activities that occurred

within Maricopa County for projects that were initiated, implemented or completed during 2015.

## AWARD DESCRIPTIONS AND CRITERIA

### **Air Pollution Reduction and Compliance**

*Description:* This award is designed for sources that have demonstrated a dramatic reduction of emissions through voluntary efforts and have demonstrated continued compliance.

1. What specific issues caused your company to seek out air quality improvements?
2. What improvements were implemented to address your specific issues?
3. What innovative ideas, techniques, and/or technologies were implemented?
4. What measureable benefits have resulted from the improvements?
5. What elements of the program have the ability to be replicated or widely shared?
6. In what ways are the improvements long lasting or sustainable?
7. What other pertinent information about your company would you like the judges to consider?
8. Are there any current federal, state, or local environmental violations, lawsuits, or complaints against your company?

### **Governmental Agency Excellence in Air Pollution Reduction Efforts**

*Description:* This award is designed for a governmental agency that has successfully addressed an air quality issue that has resulted in compliance beyond current requirements within their organization.

1. What specific issues caused your company to seek out air quality improvements?
2. What improvements were implemented to address your specific issues?
3. What innovative ideas, techniques, and/or technologies were implemented?
4. What measureable benefits have resulted from the improvements?
5. What elements of the program have the ability to be replicated or widely shared?
6. In what ways are the improvements long lasting or sustainable?
7. What other pertinent information about your company would you like the judges to consider?
8. Are there any current federal, state, or local environmental violations, lawsuits, or complaints against your company?

### **Exceptional Public Education/Outreach Program**

*Description:* This award is designed for any organization, company or individual that has developed an extraordinary effective outreach program regarding air quality awareness.

1. What specific need caused your company to seek out air quality improvements?
2. What specific program was developed to raise air quality awareness?
3. What benefits have been gained through the program?
4. Are the benefits measurable? If not directly measurable, describe benefits gained.
5. What is the sustainability of the outreach or education program?
6. What elements of the program have the ability to be replicated or widely shared?
7. In what ways are the improvements long lasting or sustainable?
8. What other pertinent information about your organization would you like the judges to consider?

### **Exceptional Performance Award**

*Description:* This award is designed to be the pinnacle of this awards program. Any company, organization, government, or individual that has demonstrated outstanding efforts in air quality awareness, technology, or method that has resulted in a dramatic reduction of emissions is eligible.

1. What specific need caused your company or organization to seek out air quality improvements?
2. What was accomplished that sets you apart from other categories?
3. What were the measureable benefits gained? If not directly measurable, describe benefits gained.
4. What elements of the program have the ability to be replicated or widely shared?
5. In what ways are the improvements long lasting or sustainable?
6. What other pertinent information about your company would you like the judges to consider?
7. Are there any current federal, state, or local environmental violations, lawsuits, or complaints against your company?

**Applications shall be submitted to the Maricopa County Air Quality Department via mail, e-mail, fax, or hand carry by 5:00 pm on Friday October 2, 2015.**

## SELECTION PROCESS

The Award Committee will review all applications to determine which organizations merit consideration and determine eligibility of each award based on the information provided. Additional criteria will be reviewed such as compliance history, participation in the trip reduction program, account standing, etc. The Awards Committee will forward their recommendations to the Maricopa County Air Quality Department Director. The Director will make final determination of award recipients.

## AWARDS COMMITTEE

*The committee will consist of MCAQD staff and no more than one member of the regulated community, regulated governments, non-government organizations, and citizens.*

## SUBMIT AWARDS TO:

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