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### **Missouri Recycling Association Announces 2011 Recycling Award Winners**

Businesses and individuals who made exceptional contributions to statewide recycling efforts were honored at the Missouri Recycling Association (MORA) conference in Branson. The 2011 award winners are:

- The luxury resorts, **Big Cedar Lodge and Wilderness Club at Big Cedar** located south of Branson received the Outstanding Business Recycling/Waste Reduction for encouraging recycling by their guests, composting their food waste, reusing linens through donation to local charities, and participating in “Clean the World”, a program that sends leftover guestroom soap to third world countries for sanitation purposes.
- **The City of Palmyra**, located north of Hannibal was honored as Outstanding Community Program for their Palmyra Recycle Center which is a 100% volunteer “drive-thru” recycling operation.
- **City of Blues Springs Recycling Program** located in Jackson County won Outstanding Government Program for household hazardous waste and electronic collection events, implementation of special event recycling and the success of their new recycling center that opened in 2010.
- **Kara Dunnam, Jefferson County Solid Waste Division** was given Outstanding Recycling Education Program for teaching vermicomposting to over 4,000 children and adults in addition to public education and outreach promoting waste diversion for over 10 years.
- **Bollinger County Recycling, Inc**, received the award for Outstanding Volunteerism in Recycling for logging over 3,000 volunteer hours and recycling 24 tons of material.

- **St. Louis' HWI Environmental Technologies, Inc.** was selected as Outstanding Service Provider for helping clients recycle or divert for beneficial reuse nearly 100% of by-product waste.
- **Joyce Stroud** was presented Outstanding Individual Government Leadership for her work developing recycling and household hazardous waste programs in the Region N Solid Waste Management District, located in southwest Missouri.
- **Vonnie Vanderau**, a retired teacher from Plattsburg was given the Outstanding Individual Achievement in Recycling for her long term commitment to children and expanding recycling opportunities in her community.
- **St. Louis Composting President and CEO Patrick Geraty** received an award for Outstanding Collection Program for launching a commercial food diversion program that composts over 100 tons of out-of-date food a week in the metro St. Louis region.
- **Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County ReStore** which increases recovery and reuse of construction and demolition materials earned the Best Use of Recycled Material.
- The President's Award was given to **Mary Patterson**, St. Louis County Health Department, for her long term commitment to the development and advancement of recycling in Missouri.

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**SUBJECT:** **Big Cedar Lodge and Wilderness Club at Big Cedar** named  
“Outstanding Business Recycling/Waste Reduction” Award Winner

Derek Campbell, Sanitation Supervisor, Wilderness Club, Dennis Goodnight, Landscaping Manager Big Cedar Lodge accepted the “Outstanding Business Recycling & Waste Reduction” award at the Missouri Recycling Association annual conference in Branson on June 7, 2011. David Beal, President of MORA said, “These two resorts promote a resort-wide commitment to recycling and composting of food waste that is then used in the native landscaping on site.” The resorts were also acknowledged for practicing reuse through donation of linens and mattresses to local shelters and participating in “Clean the World” a program that collects used soap from guest rooms for distribution to third world countries for sanitation purposes

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**SUBJECT:** **Palmyra Recycling Center** named “Outstanding Community Recycling Program” Award Winner

Mayor Loren Graham accepted the “Outstanding Community Recycling Program” award at the Missouri Recycling Association annual conference in Branson on June 7, 2011. Dave Beal, President of MORA said, “The Palmyra Recycling Center’s 100% volunteer operation exemplifies how communities can unite and implement a seamless recycling program.”

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**DATE:** June 7, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** **City of Blue Springs Recycling Program** named “Outstanding  
Government Program” Award Winner

Lauren Gaudy of the City of Blue Springs accepted the “Outstanding Government Program” award at the Missouri Recycling Association annual conference in Branson on June 7, 2011. Dave Beal, President of MORA said, “The City of Blue Springs was recognized for their effort to influence a positive outcome on recycling and waste reduction activities.”

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**SUBJECT:** **Kara Dunnam** named “Outstanding Recycling Education Program” Award Winner

Kara Dunnam of the Jefferson County Solid Waste Division accepted the “Outstanding Recycling Education Program” award at the Missouri Recycling Association annual conference in Branson on June 7, 2011. Dave Beal, President of MORA said, “Kara was recognized not only as the “Worm Lady” of Jefferson County, but for her dedication and commitment to promoting verimicomposting and waste diversion to children and adults, reaching over 4,000 in the last 18 months.”

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**SUBJECT:** **Bollinger County Recycling, Inc** named “Outstanding Volunteerism in Recycling” Award Winner

3000 volunteer hours logged by individuals of all ages and skills from Bollinger County were honored with the “Outstanding Volunteerism in Recycling” award at the Missouri Recycling Association annual conference in Branson on June 7, 2011. Dave Beal, President of MORA said, “Bollinger County exemplifies how committed individuals can, in three years, transform a county from having no recycling, to opening a refurbished sale barn as a recycle center, diverting 24 tons of recyclables.”

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**SUBJECT:** **HWI Environmental Technologies, Inc.** named “Outstanding Service Provider” Award Winner

Jason Townsend, of HHW Environmental Technologies, Inc. accepted the “Outstanding Service Provider” award at the Missouri Recycling Association annual conference in Branson on June 7, 2011. Dave Beal, President of MORA said, “HWI Center was recognized for their ability to reduce its client’s overall production costs and establish a waste management system (including hazardous materials) that is capable of recycling nearly 100 percent of facility waste streams.”

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**SUBJECT:** **Joyce Stroud** named “Outstanding Individual Government Leadership”  
Award Winner

Joyce Stroud accepted the “Outstanding Individual Government Leadership” award, at the Missouri Recycling Association annual conference in Branson on June 7, 2011. Dave Beal, President of MORA said, “Ms. Stroud’s work in the Region N Solid Waste Management District has influenced a positive outcome on recycling and waste reduction activities.”

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**SUBJECT:** **Vonnie Vanderau** named “Outstanding Individual Achievement” Award Winner

Vonnie Vanderau accepted the “Outstanding Individual Achievement” award at the Missouri Recycling Association annual conference in Branson on June 7, 2011. Dave Beal, President of MORA said, “Ms. Vanderau was recognized for her long term commitment to children, recycling and the environment as first a teacher and now in her retirement as the Recycling Educator for Region D Solid Waste Management District.”

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**SUBJECT:** **St. Louis Composting** named “Outstanding Collection Program” Award Winner

Patrick Geraty, President and CEO of St. Louis Composting accepted the “Outstanding Collection Program” award at the Missouri Recycling Association annual conference in Branson on June 7, 2011. Dave Beal, President of MORA said, “St. Louis Composting was recognized as an outstanding collection program for launching a commercial food diversion program that composts over 100 tons of out-of-date food a week”.

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**SUBJECT:** **Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County ReStore** named “Best Use of a Recycled Material” Award Winner

Ashlee Johnson, Executive Director of the Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County Restore accepted the “Best Use of a Recycled Material” award at the Missouri Recycling Association annual conference in Branson on June 7, 2011. Dave Beal, President of MORA said, “St. Charles County Restore was recognized for diverting over 364 tons of construction and demolition materials and retailing reused materials that benefits both Habitat for Humanity and preservation of natural resources.”

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