

## 2010 LEADER AWARD APPLICATION

The Minnesota Waste Wise Leader award is given to Minnesota Waste Wise members who have shown true leadership in the tenets of the program.

Leader Award winners are chosen once a year by a panel of judges comprised of the Minnesota Waste Wise Board of Directors, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce staff, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency staff, and past award winners. The panel is asked to evaluate applications and vote for those members that demonstrate true leadership in sustainable business practices. The number of award winners each year is not set, rather the number of awards presented depends on the quality of applications received.

Recipients of the Leader Award serve as environmental role models for their own communities, the Minnesota business community, and the Minnesota Waste Wise program. Award winners receive official plaque at the Minnesota Waste Wise Annual Meeting and their stories are highlighted in Minnesota Waste Wise publications, Web site, and in the local press.

Application entries must be submitted (postmarked) by **September 3, 2010** to be considered.

**Company:**

**Contact Name: Title:**

**Address:**

**City/Zip:**

**County:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Description of Business:**

1. Is your organization in compliance with federal, state and local regulations?      Yes                      No

2. Does your organization have a comprehensive waste prevention or pollution prevention program and policies?

Yes                      No

If yes, when was the program implemented (month/year)?

3. Please identify at least four areas from A to I listed below where your organization has shown at least 18 months of achievement and leadership in environmental sustainability. Results from at least three of these program areas need to have been achieved within the last 2 years.

Regarding the areas identified above, please provide further information below on:

**A. Source Reduction**

Implementation (month/year):

Activities:

Amount of waste prevented:

Estimated cost savings: \$                      monthly                      annually                      total since implementation

**B. Transport and/or Product Packaging**

Implementation (month/year):

Activities:

Amount of waste prevented:

Estimated cost savings: \$                      monthly                      annually                      total since implementation

**C. Reuse of Materials / Materials Exchange**

Implementation (month/year):

Activities:

Amount of waste prevented:

Estimated cost savings: \$                      monthly                      annually                      total since implementation

**D. Recycling**

Implementation (month/year):

Activities:

Amount of waste prevented:

Estimated cost savings: \$                      monthly                      annually                      total since implementation

**E. Environmentally Preferable Purchasing**

Implementation (month/year):

Activities:

Amount of waste prevented:

Estimated cost savings: \$                      monthly                      annually                      total since implementation

**F. Energy Efficiency**

Implementation (month/year):

Activities:

Amount of waste prevented:

Estimated cost savings: \$                      monthly                      annually                      total since implementation

**G. Water Conservation**

Implementation (month/year):

Activities:

Amount of waste prevented:

Estimated cost savings: \$                      monthly                      annually                      total since implementation

**H. Employee Education, Involvement & Communications – Environmental Sustainability Programs**

Implementation (month/year):

Activities:

Amount of waste prevented:

Estimated cost savings: \$                      monthly                      annually                      total since implementation

**I. Supply Chain / Cradle-to-Cradle**

Implementation (month/year):

Activities:

Amount of waste prevented:

Estimated cost savings: \$                      monthly                      annually                      total since implementation

**4. Please estimate the cumulative waste that your company has prevented since the adoption of a comprehensive environmental sustainability program – including a focus on waste prevention?**

**5. Did these cumulative changes have a monetary impact on your company? If so, please explain.**

6. Why do you believe your organization is a Minnesota Waste Wise Leader?

Authorized Signature:

Date / / 2010

Contact Name:

Contact Title:

Please email (preferred) or mail completed application to:

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Contact Mark Blaiser at [mblaiser@mchamber.com](mailto:mblaiser@mchamber.com) or 651-292-4663 for assistance in quantifying waste reduction activities and cost savings, or for general questions regarding the Leader Award application or process.