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## **Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards Now Open for Applications**

SACRAMENTO – Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today announced that the Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards (GEELA) program is now accepting applications. Applications for the 2013 awards are available at [www.calepa.ca.gov/Awards/GEELA/](http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Awards/GEELA/).

GEELA is California's highest and most prestigious environmental honor. Established in 1993, the award recognizes individuals, organizations and businesses that have demonstrated exceptional leadership for voluntary achievements in conserving California's resources, protecting and enhancing the environment, building public-private partnerships, and strengthening the state's economy. **Applications are due Friday, July 12, 2013.**

GEELA Award recipients are chosen in 13 different categories, from climate change to environmental justice to waste reduction. This year's awards include a new category and subcategory:

- The new category is for sustainable practices by state agencies that demonstrate exemplary performance in implementing sustainability practices, including significant achievements in energy efficiency, water conservation, recycling, greenhouse gas reductions, environmentally preferable purchasing and promotion of energy efficient vehicles and vehicle charging stations.
- The new subcategory is for California automobile dealerships or dealer groups that have made significant efforts in the sale of zero emission vehicles (ZEVs), including sales volume, outreach, supporting customers during and after the sale of ZEVs, and creating a greener dealership.

The Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards is administered by the California Environmental Protection Agency in collaboration with the Natural Resources Agency; the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency; the California Department of Food and Agriculture; the State and Consumer Services Agency; the Labor and Workforce Development Agency; Health and Human Services Agency and the Governor's Office.

For more information about GEELA, please visit [www.calepa.ca.gov/Awards/GEELA/](http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Awards/GEELA/).