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Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards Application is Open

Governor and state agencies urge local companies to apply

SACRAMENTO – Today, Governor Edmund G Brown Jr. announced that his Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards (GEELA) application is now available at www.calepa.ca.gov/Awards/GEELA/2012/default.htm.

GEELA is California's highest and most prestigious environmental honor. 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 and building public-private partnerships.

GEELA Award recipients are chosen in 12 different categories based on their strength in eight specific areas including results, transferability/scalability, environmental/ resource conservation impact, economic progress, innovation and uniqueness, pollution prevention, public health and environmental justice.

This year, the Governor is pleased to introduce a new subcategory for plug-in electric vehicle (PEV) community readiness which highlights community efforts in gearing up for the rollout of PEVs and other low-emission vehicles in the next few years. Applicants in this subcategory must demonstrate excellence in eight specific areas including permitting and inspections, training and education programs, building codes, zoning and parking policies, education and outreach programs, strategic placements of PEV charging infrastructure, and PEVs in local government fleets.

The Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards program was established in 1993. The award program 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, visit <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Awards/GEELA/>.

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