

Good News Department

Outstanding Recycling Programs Receive AF&PA Award

(NAPSA)—Here's something to write home about. The paper industry has set an aggressive goal to recover 55 percent of all paper consumed in the U.S. by 2012. While they are well on their way—having reached an all-time high of 50 percent recovery—there is still much work to be done.

As part of its continuing efforts to achieve this goal, the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) established several awards to recognize outstanding individual, business and community recycling efforts.

Detailed descriptions of the winning programs, along with video overviews and interviews with the winners are available at www.paperrecycles.org.

Recognizing Individuals

AF&PA's Ed Hurley Memorial Recycling Award recognizes an individual who has had a significant and positive impact on paper recycling. Mr. Hurley was a devoted advocate of paper recycling, and the award in his name is presented to an individual similarly committed to recycling. The 2005 award recipient was Judge Jack Jones of Jefferson County, Arkansas, whose commitment to increasing paper recovery resulted in innovative and effective community and school recycling programs.

Recognizing Businesses

To recognize the efforts of businesses that are successfully executing paper recovery programs, AF&PA created Business Leadership Recycling Awards. Businesses competed for two awards in this category: one for those with more than 150 employees, and one for those with fewer than 150 employees. AF&PA is pleased to recognize Quad/Graphics and Eureka Recycling with the 2005 AF&PA Business Leadership Recycling Awards.

Recognizing Communities

The AF&PA Community Recycling Awards recognize communities that have successfully implemented paper recovery and recycling programs. AF&PA is pleased to recognize the City of



AF&PA has established recycling awards to support the industry's 55 percent paper recovery goal and encourage individuals, businesses, communities and schools to recover more high quality paper for recycling.

Clearwater Solid Waste and Recycling Department in the large community category and Oconee County Solid Waste in the small community category, as the 2005 AF&PA Community Recycling Award recipients.

Award Information

AF&PA is especially proud to recognize the outstanding efforts of the 2005 AF&PA Recycling Award winners because of the examples they set for other individuals, businesses and communities. Successfully reaching the industry's 55 percent recovery goal by 2012 is a big job, and will require the continued support of the industry and the millions of Americans who recycle paper at home, work and school on a daily basis.

If you know an individual, a business, a community or school that recycles, you may want to nominate them for the 2006 AF&PA Recycling Awards. Criteria and applications for the 2006 AF&PA Recycling Awards, which will be expanded to include a category for schools, will be available at www.paperrecycles.org beginning in November. Applications for the AF&PA 2006 Recycling Awards must be submitted by Friday, March 3, 2006.