OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXECUTIVE 1200 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW MAIL CODE 1600S WASHINGTON, DC 20460 (202) 343-9125 WWW.OFEE.GOV PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP THROUGHOUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

> For Immediate Release Earth Day, 2007 Contact: Juan D. Lopez, (202)343-9481, lopez.juan@ofee.gov

OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCES 2007 WHITE HOUSE CLOSING THE CIRCLE AWARDS WINNERS

The Office of the Federal Environmental Executive is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2007 White House Closing the Circle (CTC) Awards. The CTC Awards recognize outstanding achievements of Federal employees and their facilities for efforts that resulted in significant contributions to, or have made a significant positive impact regarding to environmental stewardship. The awards focus on waste prevention, recycling, and green purchasing activities, environmental management, green/sustainable buildings, electronics stewardship, and reduced fuel usage. This year the program also includes three special "Sowing the Seeds" awards issued by the Federal Environmental Executive that recognize leadership in setting future vision.

"As reflected in the new Executive Order, *13423 Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management*, the government continues on an aggressive path towards sustainable environmental performance," said Mr. Ed Piñero, the Federal Environmental Executive. "These award winners exemplify how we can manage our environmental and energy footprint, while at the same time meting our missions and supporting the economy."

This year, 17 winners and 13 honorable mentions were selected from nearly 200 nominations in the areas of environmental management systems, pollution prevention, recycling, green product purchasing, alternative fuels, sustainable building, and electronics stewardship. The awards will be presented at a White House ceremony on June 12, 2007.

Created by executive order, the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive (OFEE) is part of the White House Council on Environmental Quality and works to promote sustainable environmental stewardship throughout the Federal government by assisting agencies in integrating environmental considerations into their operations.

2007 White House Closing the Circle Awards Winners

Environmental Management Systems - Military

US Navy Fleet Readiness Center Southwest, San Diego, CA Environmental Program Office Continual Environmental Improvement for Sustainability

Environmental Management Systems - Civilian

Department of Energy Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY Environmental Management Systems Team *Expanding the Envelope of BNL's EMS*

Recycling - Military

US Air Force Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan Recycling Team *Kadena AB Recycling Program*

Recycling - Civilian

US Postal Service Eastern Services CMC, Memphis, TN Solid Waste Management Team *USPS Total Solid Waste Management Program*

Alternative Fuel and Fuel Conservation in Transportation - Military

US Marine Corps Headquarters, Washington, D.C. Fleet Management Team *Equipment Fuel Conservation*

Alternative Fuel and Fuel Conservation in Transportation - Civilian

US Postal Service Northland District, Minneapolis, MN Robert Kunowski *E85 Alternative Fuel Usage in the Northland District*

Waste/Pollution Prevention - Military

US Army Fort Hood, TX Solid Waste and Recycle Team *Every Waste a Reuse Opportunity*

US Navy Navy Region Southwest Asia, Bahrain Awni M. Almasri Waste Minimization Improvements

Waste/Pollution Prevention - Civilian

Department of Energy

Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility, Newport News, VA Cryogenic Systems Engineering Team Cryogenic Refrigeration System Improvements

Green Purchasing - Civilian

Department of Veterans Affairs

Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, MI Timothy Trittschuh Biobased Fluids Pilot Project

Department of Commerce

Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab, Muskegon, MI GLERL Ship Operations Group *Green Ship Initiative*

Electronics Stewardship - Civilian

Department of Energy Headquarters, Washington, DC The Green Team *Green Electronics Partners*

Sustainable Design/Green Buildings - Military

Department of Defense The Pentagon, Arlington, VA Pentagon Renovation Team *Sustainable Design & Construction at the Pentagon*

Sustainable Design/Green Buildings - Civilian

Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters, One and Two Potomac Yard Arlington, VA The Relocation Team *Raising the Bar for Sustainable Building Projects*

Sowing the Seeds

Department of the Army

Headquarters, Arlington, VA A Sustainable Strategy for the Environment

Environmental Protection Agency

Headquarters, Washington, D.C. Electronic Products Environmental Assessment Tool Team Successful Launch of EPEAT

Department of Energy

Federal Energy Management Program, Washington, DC The Interagency Sustainability Working Group *High Performance Buildings through Innovative Policy*

2007 WHITE HOUSE CLOSING THE CIRCLE AWARDS HONORABLE MENTIONS

Environmental Management Systems - Military

US Marine Corps

Fleet Readiness Center East, MCAS Cherry Point, NC Fleet Readiness Center East World Class Environmental Management System

Environmental Management Systems - Civilian

Environmental Protection Agency

National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory, Ann Arbor, MI EMS Team at NVFEL Leading the Way: Comprehensive EMS Launched at Ann Arbor Facility

Recycling - Military

US Army Aviation Center Logistic Command, Fort Rucker, AL ACLC Absorbent Reuse Program Team *Absorbent Reuse Program Closes the Circle*

Recycling - Civilian

General Services Administration

San Diego Courthouse, San Diego, CA Construction Project Team *Tone Set for New San Diego Courthouse*

Department of Energy

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA Water Recycling and Conservation Measures Team Site 300 Water Recycling and Conservation Measures

<u>Alternative Fuel and Fuel Conservation in Transportation - Military</u> US Air Force

HQ US Air Force, Pentagon, VA Alternative Fuel and Fuel Conservation

Alternative Fuel and Fuel Conservation in Transportation - Civilian

Department of Energy Y-12 Site Office, Oak Ridge, TN Alternative Fuel Implementation Team *Expanding Use of Alternative Fuels Vehicles*

Waste/Pollution Prevention - Military

US Navy Naval Air Engineering Station, Lakehurst, NJ Environmental Department Enhancing P2 Through EMS

Waste/Pollution Prevention - Civilian Department of Homeland Security

US Customs & Border Protection, Washington DC Seized Property Program Team Seized Vehicle Reuse Program

Department of Agriculture

US Forest Service, Golden, CO Anna Jones Crabtree *Rocky Mountain Region Sustainability Program*

Green Purchasing - Civilian

Department of Energy Headquarters, Washington, DC HSS, MA, and EE DOE's Early and Continuing Promotion of Biobased Products

Sustainable Design/Green Buildings - Civilian

General Services Administration Wayne Morse Courthouse, Auburn, WA Construction Project Team *Green Strategies for Wayne Morse Courthouse*

Department of the Interior

Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters, Swanton, VT Headquarters and Visitor Contact Station Team Upholding the Principles of Sustainable Design