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Wisconsin Clean Cities lauds sustainable transportation leaders

Clean fuel and vehicle proponents, environmental successes recognized

MILWAUKEE — Wisconsin's top sustainable transportation leaders were honored Thursday at the Wisconsin Clean Cities 24th Annual Stakeholder Meeting, the nonprofit announced today.

"I continue to be inspired year after year by our members' commitment to sustainable transportation options," Wisconsin Clean Cities Executive Director Lorrie Lisek said. "The award winners illustrate how green choices lead to both environmental and economic successes. We applaud them for their efforts."

Wisconsin Clean Cities, a nonprofit organization serving the entire state of Wisconsin, is one of nearly 100 U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities coalitions. The coalitions partner with members in the public, private and nonprofit sectors to reduce dependence on imported oil in the transportation sector by promoting the use of alternative fuels and sustainable transportation options, thereby improving air quality, supporting local jobs and strengthening the economy.

Forward Fleet Award winners, honored for the amount of petroleum they displaced through the use of alternative fuels and sustainable transportation options, were fifth place Time Transport, Inc. of Franksville, fourth place Contract Transport Services, LLC of Green Bay, third place Paper Transport, Inc. of Green Bay, second place Sheehy Mail Contractors, Inc. of Waterloo and first place Kwik Trip, Inc. of La Crosse.

Collectively, the award winners displaced more than 11.9 million gasoline gallon equivalents.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the actions of the Forward Fleet Award winners represent the greenhouse gas reduction equivalent of taking 22,730 passenger vehicles off the road for one year.

Sustainable Transportation Champions in the public and private sectors were honored for their use of clean fuels and technologies. Alliant Energy of Madison, We Energies of Milwaukee and Bounce Milwaukee of Milwaukee were honored for their work with electric vehicles and charging infrastructure.

In the compressed natural gas category, Dane County Department of Public Works, Highway and Transportation and Outpost Natural Foods of Milwaukee were honored as Sustainable Transportation Champions. Winnebago County Sheriff's Office and GO Riteway Transportation of Milwaukee were lauded for their work with propane autogas. In the biofuel category, the City of Beloit and Wisconsin-based Jetz Convenience Centers received awards.

The City of Milwaukee was the overall Sustainable Transportation Champion for its work with multiple fuels and technologies.

The Sustainable Transportation Champions collectively displaced more than 1 million gasoline gallon equivalents, representing the greenhouse gas reduction equivalent of taking 1,952 passenger vehicles off the road for one year.

The Service Award was presented to Bryan Nudelbacher of GAIN Clean Fuel of Appleton. Nudelbacher served on the Wisconsin Clean Cities Board of Directors from 2012 until July 2018, when he resigned due to new professional responsibilities.

“Bryan has been a mainstay on our board for many years and was always willing to serve as an expert on our Webinars and on panels at our many events throughout the years,” Lisek said. “He is a trusted leader throughout the industry. We thank him for his service and wish him all the best in his new role.”

All winners in all categories were selected from among Wisconsin Clean Cities members who submitted annual survey reports.

Wisconsin Clean Cities presented the awards at its 24th Annual Stakeholder Meeting Dec. 6 at Miller Park in Milwaukee.

The Annual Stakeholder Meeting featured networking opportunities, presentations from leaders in the sustainable transportation arena, exhibit booths, tours of Miller Park and the unveiling of a special 25th anniversary Wisconsin Clean Cities logo, which will be used throughout 2019. Speakers included Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation Director Maria Redmond and keynote speaker Craig Rigby, vice president of technology for Johnson Controls Power Solutions.

For more information about Wisconsin Clean Cities, go to www.wicleancities.org.

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Cutline: Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, left, and Milwaukee Department of Public Works Fleet Operations Manager Jeff Tews accept the city’s Sustainable Transportation Champion Award from Wisconsin Clean Cities Executive Director Lorrie Lisek at the Wisconsin Clean Cities 24th Annual Stakeholder Meeting & Awards at Miller Park Thursday.

About Wisconsin Clean Cities

Wisconsin Clean Cities (WCC) is a nonprofit coalition focused on promoting cleaner energy for transportation in Wisconsin. WCC is one of nearly 100 coalitions across the country affiliated with the U.S. Department of Energy’s Clean Cities program, which brings together stakeholders to increase the use of sustainable transportation options and improve air quality. WCC concentrates its efforts on educating businesses and municipalities throughout Wisconsin. Learn more at www.wicleancities.org.