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Georgia Business Leaders Recognized for Strides toward Sustainability

Atlanta, GA – The Pollution Prevention Assistance Division (P²AD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources recognized business leaders from across the state for making strides toward a more sustainable Georgia. Award winners included:

- U.S. Army-Southern Regional Environmental Office of Atlanta – Advocate of the Year
- Milliken & Company Live Oak Complex of LaGrange – Mentor of the Year
- Milliken & Company Hillside Plant of LaGrange – Mentor of the Year
- Bumpers Plus of Marietta – Rising Environmental Steward
- Life University of Marietta – Rising Environmental Steward
- Mohawk of Sugar Valley – Rising Environmental Steward
- InterfaceFLOR of LaGrange – Outreach & Employee Involvement and Sustainability Awards
- Monsanto of Augusta – Sustainability Award
- Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Corporation of Marietta – Continual Improvement Award
- ZF Industries of Gainesville – Continual Improvement Award
- Ft. Benning – Partner of the Year Award

Organizations that participate in the Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia have been challenged to become industry leaders in the efficient use of natural resources and the reduction of their negative environmental impacts.

"We are very proud of the work these Partners have done; from conserving water to saving energy, we are seeing major improvements in the way Georgia business leaders do business," said Suzanne Burnes, manager of the Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia. "To date, the combined environmental effort of our top-level Partners who reported savings has resulted in cumulative reductions in water use by 909 million gallons, conservation of 75 million kWh of electricity, and solid waste reductions of 15 thousand tons. Imagine the amount of money and natural resources that could be saved if more businesses followed their lead."

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Free and open to any business, the Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia was established by P²AD to foster environmental leadership and recognize superior environmental performance. The Partnership offers a variety of incentives, including cost savings through increased efficiencies, potential regulatory flexibility, free technical assistance and training, and access to networking and mentoring among peers, state and local officials. The Partnership offers four levels of participation for organizations: Champion, Bronze, Silver and the highest achievement level, Gold. The level for each business or organization is based on initiatives already in place as well as those slated for completion during the term of Partnership.

The Pollution Prevention Assistance Division (P²AD) is a non-regulatory division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Since 1993, P²AD has provided free technical assistance to help organizations reduce their impact on the environment by conserving water, reducing waste, conserving energy, and more. For additional information about P²AD and the Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia, call 404-651-5120 or 800-685-2443 or visit www.p2ad.org.

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