



# NEWS

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## **ARIZONA FORWARD PRESENTS TOP ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD TO SOLANA GENERATING STATION, WORLD'S LARGEST SOLAR PLANT OF ITS KIND**

*– Awards Program To Go Entirely Statewide In 2015 –*

PHOENIX (Sept. 20, 2014) The Solana Generating Station has earned the coveted *President's Award (Best of Show)* in Arizona Forward's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Excellence Awards, held in partnership with SRP.

Arizona Forward also made a bold announcement at its Saturday gala revealing that on the 35th anniversary of its historic program next year, all categories will be open to submittals from anywhere throughout Arizona.

"We are taking a fresh approach to this institutional program as we enter a new era in recognizing environmental excellence," Diane Brossart, president and CEO of Arizona Forward announced to more than 500 community leaders attending the event. "Since expanding our geographic focus just last year, we've really spread our wings and taken flight."

Nearly 100 entries were received in Arizona's oldest and most prestigious awards competition focusing exclusively on sustainability. The ceremony was held at the Westin Kierland Resort and attended by a prominent audience of legislators, mayors and corporate representatives from around the state.

Arizona Forward and SRP presented 20 first-place Crescordia awards and 24 Awards of Merit. The winning projects set standards for achieving a balance between the built and natural environment in Arizona's physical, technical, social and aesthetic development.

Jurists selected the Solana Generating Station for top honors because it not only boosts Arizona's solar industry, but offers significant environmental benefits and represents a new and unique technology in the U.S. The project also earned a first-place Crescordia in the *Governor's Award for Energy & Technology Innovation – Central Arizona* category. Crescordia is a Greek term meaning, "to grow in harmony," and the President's Award is selected from among all Crescordia recipients.

Located outside the Town of Gila Bend, Solana Generating Station reigns as the world's largest parabolic trough plant and is the first solar facility in the nation to produce electricity at night. It spans three-square-miles of retired agricultural land and generates 280 megawatts of solar power, reducing emissions equivalent to the removal of 80,000 cars from the road every year.

Unlike traditional solar-powered plants, Solana continues to produce electricity at full capacity for up to six hours even after the sun goes down using Concentrated Solar Power technology with solar thermal storage. This process helps satisfy Arizona's peak electricity demand during summer and nighttime hours by storing energy that can be used by APS for its customers as part of a 30-year power purchase agreement. Solana represents a \$2 billion investment and is Abengoa's first utility-scale solar company in this country to begin operation.

Jurists noted that this year's program was especially competitive, forcing them to break the one Crescordia per category rule for two categories. Two Northern Arizona projects earned first-place Crescordia awards for Environmental Stewardship (SRP Award), including the Town of Clarkdale for efforts to conserve the Verde River and Coconino County for its Sustainable Building Program. The Livable Communities (Multimodal Transportation & Connectivity) category also yielded two Crescordia awards, one for the City of Phoenix Complete Streets Ordinances and the other for Fresh Express by Discovery Triangle.

Don Henninger, former publisher of the *Phoenix Business Journal* and principal of DH Advisors, served as lead judge for the competition. Other jurists include: Will Bruder, president of Will Bruder Architects, LLC; Leisa Brug, energy policy director and advisor to Governor Jan Brewer in the Governor's Office of Energy Policy; Dan Cleland, director of land development for the Southwest Region of Westwood Professional Services, Inc.; Allison Colwell, principal landscape architect for Colwell Shelor; Dr. Liz Grobsmith, senior advisor to the president for strategic and international initiatives for Northern Arizona University; Mark Stapp, executive director of the Master of Real Estate Development Program and the Fred E. Taylor Professor of Real Estate in the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University; Kate D. Timmerman, mixed media artist; and Larry Voyles, director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Since its inception in 1969 as Valley Forward, Arizona Forward has brought business and civic leaders together to convene thoughtful public dialogue on regional issues and to improve the sustainability of communities throughout the Grand Canyon State. The organization operates with the belief that businesses must take a leadership role in solving the complex and sometimes controversial problems that confront growing population centers.

***In addition to Solana Generating Station, Crescordia winners include:***

***SEDONA FIRE DISTRICT FIRE STATION NO. 6 (LEA Architects, LLC) —Governor's Award for Energy & Technology Innovation, Northern Arizona***

Located along State Route 179, this striking architectural wonder took more than eight years of planning to arrive at its functional, high-tech, cost-effective and award-winning sustainable design. The project draws inspiration in its form, materials, color and texture from the breathtaking beauty of the surrounding mountain vistas. Rain harvesting from the entire roof collects water; roof solar tube skylights deliver natural light into interior spaces. Designed to LEED standards, the fire station uses a simple building palette of local masonry, recycled components, solar tubes, rain chains, corten steel and ground red aggregate concrete. Clean-energy solar PV panels cantilever from the top of a wall to double as a shade for exterior work and training space.

***TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PIONEERING 11 MW SOLAR PROJECT*** (Natural Power and Energy)—Governor’s Award for Energy & Technology Innovation, Southern Arizona

At more than 11 megawatts, Tucson Unified School District’s groundbreaking solar generation project encompasses 42 schools and is the largest distributed school solar project in the nation without utility incentives. It represents TUSD’s commitment to renewable energy, reducing its carbon footprint, saving money and serving as a model of environmental stewardship to students and other school districts. The project will ultimately supply about 80 percent of the electricity needed at each site, save an estimated \$170,000 in energy costs in its first year and more than \$11 million over the 20-year term. Systems are now operational at 15 schools.

***JONES STUDIO, INC. (Jones Studio)***—Environmental Stewardship (SRP Award), Central Arizona

Jones Studio is recognized as one of Arizona’s most creative, innovative and respected architectural design studios. The firm is led by brothers Eddie and Neal Jones, known for their sustainable desert design strategies. As early as 1994, Jones Studio designed the Environmental Showcase Home for APS, which won 26 environmental awards including the coveted Valley Forward President’s Award, predating the emergence of LEED standards by four years. Other notable projects include the Mariposa Land Port of Entry in Nogales, Arizona’s largest project tracking LEED Gold and the University of Arizona College of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture. The recipient of 190 major design awards, Jones Studio has achieved international acclaim and is studied in universities around the world.

***TOWN OF CLARKDALE (Verde River Institute)***—Environmental Stewardship (SRP Award), Northern Arizona

The “Verde River @ Clarkdale” parks project unites the Verde River and its environmental, social and economic values into the lives of people throughout Arizona. It encompasses a two-park system situated on the Verde River that is separated by two miles of exceptional biodiversity containing more than 190 species of birds, seven species of native fishes and hundreds of types of aquatic and riparian plants. This unique collaboration between the Town of Clarkdale, Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold and Arizona State Parks combines the resources of three organizations to help steward one of the state’s richest and most biologically significant ecosystems. It’s hoped that by bringing the river’s values into people’s hearts and minds, they will take action to conserve this precious natural resource.

***COCONINO COUNTY SUSTAINABLE BUILDING PROGRAM (Coconino County Community Development)***—Environmental Stewardship (SRP Award), Northern Arizona

This innovative community program was one of the first of its kind in the country. It encourages, supports and develops sustainable building practices throughout Coconino County, providing ongoing, free sustainable building consultations, site evaluations and design considerations for any development projects within its service area. Since its adoption by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors in 2003, more than 4,000 members of the community have been able to tap the program’s resources to incorporate environmentally-preferred development practices into their homes, schools, commercial buildings and subdivisions.

**ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM** (*Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum*)—*Environmental Stewardship (SRP Award), Southern Arizona*

Ranked by TripAdvisor.com as the ninth top museum in the world for 2013, the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum attracts nearly a half-million visitors annually and inspires conservation of the Sonoran Desert, one of the most diverse deserts on Earth. Founded in 1952, the museum is universally praised by zoological parks as a model institution for its unique approach to interpreting the complete natural history of a single region. The 98-acre landmark facility provides a fusion experience: zoo, botanical garden, art gallery, natural history museum and aquarium. Visitors experience Sonoran Desert animals, plants, geology, climate and native cultures in a 21-acre natural environment with two miles of walking paths, 230 animal species, 1,200 types of plants and one of the world's most comprehensive regional mineral collections.

**FAYE GRAY RECREATION CENTER** (*Holly Street Studio Architects*)—*Buildings & Structures (Civic)*

Situated in Phoenix's Hermoso Park, Faye Gray Recreation Center serves multiple generations as a gathering space for community building, childcare, education and fitness. The project grew with additional city funding to include a 4,000 square-foot recreation center, 8,000 square-foot skate park, restroom buildings, ramadas and play areas. The building was sited with principles of passive solar design, employment of local materials, minimal layers and coatings, a straightforward structural system and harvesting of daylight for 100 percent of all habitable spaces. Roof overhangs provide generous outdoor gathering spaces, doubling usable square footage of the facility. Deliberate catchment areas allow for rainwater runoff to irrigate native plants, and pervious ground cover takes the place of original hardscape walkways.

**ASU STUDENT CENTER @ THE POST OFFICE** (*Holly Street Studio Architects*)—*Buildings & Structures (Historic Preservation)*

The infusion of Arizona State University's 30,000 square-foot student center at a historic United States Federal Building provides a vision for innovative growth and a meaningful public space. Adaptive reuse of the large-scale, centrally located structure revolves around four key ideas: open up to provide scenic views out and light in; embrace history through the structures expressed and skylights; engage the city with the park and align with existing patterns; and address the student with flexible and dynamic spaces for multiple endeavors. The building's mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems were modernized and tied to Phoenix's NRG Energy Center. New clean energy boilers eliminated electrical reheat systems cutting building energy loads drastically and opening up additional usable square footage within the building.

**ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES BUILDING** (*Orcutt | Winslow*)—*Buildings & Structures (Institutional)*

The Arizona State University Health Services Building was designed and built to promote health and wellness in a holistic manner. By creating an inviting, non-clinical environment with clear circulation, students are more likely to visit the facility as either patients or visitors and learn more about preventative care. The LEED Platinum Certified building is a renovation of 14,500-square-feet of the original building built in 1953 while the other half was a two-story addition of new facilities. Both were woven together into one building that is contemporary yet blends in with the surrounding historical campus. The design uses regional materials, including locally made brick, metal panel and glass.

**ENCORE ON FIRST** (*Okland Construction*)—*Livable Communities (Sustainable Communities)*

Encore on First exemplifies the livability of downtown Mesa as a five-story, 81-unit urban building that provides transit-oriented living for independent seniors with easy access to the light rail, Mesa Arts Center, library, museums, local colleges, retail, churches and other amenities. It's the city's first significant private sector investment in downtown in nearly three decades. Materials such as the metal wall panel system, colored glass landscape panels and white steel elements are reflective of the neighboring arts center. The facility was the first to utilize the city's newly adopted Form Based Code, which allows for reduced setbacks and a more pedestrian-friendly urban streetscape.

**CITY OF PHOENIX COMPLETE STREETS ORDINANCES** (*City of Phoenix*)—*Livable Communities (Multimodal Transportation & Connectivity)*

Following a year of review by city of Phoenix staff and outside stakeholders on ways to encourage people to get out of their cars and walk, bike or use mass transit, the Phoenix City Council overwhelmingly adopted two ordinances in July aimed at changing the way existing and future streets are planned, designed and constructed. Complete Streets principles will now be integrated into all community planning. Its success is imperative to the health and well-being of Arizona's largest municipality and will hinge on a strong transit system, clear land use policies and public acceptance. Whether arterial or local, well-designed streets can do more than move traffic and people. With additional planning, communities can "complete their streets," creating networks that are safer, more livable, greener and welcoming to everyone.

**FRESH EXPRESS BY DISCOVERY TRIANGLE** (*Discovery Triangle Development Corporation*)—*Livable Communities (Multimodal Transportation & Connectivity)*

Recognizing its service area is considered a "food desert" with little or no access to healthy and affordable food, the Discovery Triangle Development Corporation formed a partnership to provide access to fresh produce in a 25-square-mile area between downtown Phoenix and downtown Tempe. The team launched Fresh Express by Discovery Triangle as a not-for-profit mobile produce market operating out of a retired, repurposed municipal bus, selling affordable, high-quality fresh fruits and vegetables at elementary schools, senior living facilities, low-income housing projects and community centers. Fresh Express has already served more than 2,200 customers and sold more than 20,000 fruits and vegetables at 131 stops. Through its holistic approach, this innovative initiative is re-establishing healthy and affordable food access and eliminating health disparities in under-resourced communities.

**TRANSIT 2000: THE PHOENIX TRANSIT PLAN** (*City of Phoenix Public Transit Department*)—*Livable Communities (Public Policy/Plans)*

For 14 years, "Transit 2000: The Phoenix Transit Plan" has served as a blueprint for the Valley's transit investments, highlighting the commitment of Phoenix residents to multimodal transportation solutions. The initiative has moved Phoenix from the 34<sup>th</sup> largest transit system in the country to 28<sup>th</sup> and paved the way for an influx of sustainable public and private transit-oriented development. Policies and funding from T2000 have elevated the Valley's regional transit system through RAPID commuter services; expanded Dial-a-Ride service, additional Sunday and weekend bus service; and light rail. More than 150 miles of bike lanes, 300 bus bays, and 330 left-turn arrows have also been installed. T2000 has further led to related innovations, such as a Complete Streets policy, bike share program and Green Rail Corridor.

**ESTRELLA HALL AT ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE** (*Colwell Shelor Landscape Architecture*)—*Site Development and Landscape (Public Sector)*

The landscape contiguous to Estrella Mountain Community College's new Library and Conference Center is designed to reinforce the fabric of the campus by continuing a series of linked garden spaces. The building design was conceived as a pavilion within the landscaped campus core and as a backdrop for the garden spaces around it. Permeability and visual openness of the ground floor are key elements of the architecture, as the gardens become a new centerpiece for the campus. Low-maintenance landscape consists of all low-water use, climate appropriate plantings with drip irrigation. Passive water harvesting increases infiltration, filters rainwater and supplements irrigation.

**MEMORIAL UNION POWERPARASOL** (*Strategic Solar Energy, LLC*)—*Site Development and Landscape (Private Sector)*

Two PowerParasol® solar shade structures standing at 32-foot-tall now cover the previously unusable exposed and sunbaked outdoor area in front of Memorial Union at Arizona State University. The space-transforming features of these unique structures provide a shaded space during the day and an alluring locale at night. This innovative addition to a 1956 building extends the university's "living room of the campus" to the outdoors, creating a comfortable, sustainable and aesthetically pleasing environment in which to gather spontaneously or for planned events. PowerParasol® also furthers ASU's goal of growing its nationally renowned solar portfolio.

**BROWN'S RANCH TRAILHEAD** (*Weddle Gilmore*)—*Site Development and Landscape (Parks & Trails)*

Preserving meaningful open space while providing recreational access and habitat connectivity were guiding principles in the creation of Brown's Ranch Trailhead in Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve. The trailhead is fully screened by a subtle natural ridgeline, minimizing this manmade element and diverting attention to the natural terrain and Upper Sonoran Desert vegetation. The site design protected natural drainage corridors and utilized indigenous plant materials, requiring the collection, storage and replacement of the natural desert surface and plant litter. Renewable energy produced by a 9 kilowatt solar system generates as much annual solar electricity as the facility consumes, allowing the trailhead to operate as a 'net-zero energy' campus. Other amenities include: a shaded outdoor amphitheater; interpretive trail; rotating educational videos; exhibits; and interpretive signage.

**GROUND COVER PUBLIC ART PROJECT** (*Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture Public Art Program*)—*Art in Public Places*

Ground Cover by local artist Ann Morton is an extraordinary creation uniting one of the oldest of "home makers" arts with the intent to provide comfort and warmth for the homeless. This international project involved hundreds of weavers, quilters, knitters and textile artists – "blanketeers" – from 22 states and two provinces in Canada who donated their time and talent to produce 300 individual handmade blankets that, when put together in a specific order, created a bird's eye view of lush desert flowers measuring 116 feet by 50 feet. The monumental blanket installation was displayed in December 2013 on a vacant lot in downtown Phoenix, then disassembled into smaller blankets and given to social service agencies to distribute to the homeless. The community based effort nurtured both the physical space of the city and people who inhabited the area.

**WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT (APS)—Environmental Education/Communication (Public Sector)**

In 2008, the Washington Elementary School District – comprised of 32 school campuses and three administrative locations – took on an ambitious energy conservation goal: reduce energy use by 40 percent over five years and save energy dollars. With no funds to improve buildings, the district launched a comprehensive energy behavior change program for staff and students to eliminate waste. Each school made changes to achieve energy savings. Students issued “Energy Violation Tickets” when they noticed a light left on or a door left open. Energy usage data was reviewed monthly to monitor building performance and compare results. The district exceeded its goals, reducing electric energy use by 15 percent in the first 12 months and a total of 26 percent in 24 months. The reduction released funds for education and allowed the district to begin energy-related building improvements.

**MCDOWELL SONORAN FIELD INSTITUTE (McDowell Sonoran Conservancy)—Environmental Education/Communication (Educators, Students & Nonprofit Organizations)**

The McDowell Sonoran Field Institute provides the public with direct participation in scientific inquiry and educational experiences that lead to a deep understanding of environmental conservation. This science-based resource management and community education is vital to sustaining the largest urban preserve in the nation for future generations. Trained volunteers, community members and students work with scientists on research projects, providing meaningful experiences that engage participants with the preserve and science in general. Since its inception four years ago, more than 150 individuals have devoted 10,000-plus hours on Field Institute research projects. The organization is now helping the U.S. Forest Service, Superstition Area Land Trust and Pima County develop similar programs.

***\*EDITOR’S NOTE: Project photos, additional details and Award of Merit descriptions can be provided upon request.***

***A complete list of 2014 Environmental Excellence Award Winners and categories are included below and on the pages that follow.***

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**2014 ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS  
COMPLETE LIST OF WINNERS**

**GOVERNOR’S AWARD FOR ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION - Central Arizona**

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: Solana Generating Station

Submitted by: Arizona Public Service

**AWARD OF MERITS**

Name of Entry: trutankless Electric Tankless Water Heater

Submitted by: Bollente Companies

Name of Entry: Arrowhead Ranch Water Reclamation Facility UV Disinfection Upgrade

Submitted by: Black & Veatch Corporation

**GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION - Northern Arizona**

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: Sedona Fire District Station No. 6

Submitted by: LEA Architects, LLC

**GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION - Southern Arizona**

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: TUSD – Pioneering 11 MW Solar Project

Submitted by: Natural Power and Energy

**AWARDS OF MERIT**

Name of Entry: VT LLC's Digital Opacity Compliance System – 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation

Submitted by: Virtual Technology, LLC

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – SRP AWARD - Central Arizona**

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: Jones Studio, Inc.

Submitted by: Jones Studio, Inc.

**AWARD OF MERITS**

Name of Entry: Innovations in Aquifer Storage and Recovery Well Technologies

Submitted by: City of Phoenix – Water Services Department

Name of Entry: Recycling to Divert from Landfills and Put People to Work

Submitted by: Goodwill of Central Arizona

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – SRP AWARD - Northern Arizona**

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: Town of Clarkdale

Submitted by: Verde River Institute

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: Coconino County Sustainable Building Program

Submitted by: Coconino County Community Development

**AWARD OF MERITS**

Name of Entry: Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc.

Submitted by: Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc.

Name of Entry: Sedona Wetlands Preserve

Submitted by: City of Sedona

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – SRP AWARD - Southern Arizona**

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

Submitted by: Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

**BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES - Civic**

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: Faye Gray Recreation Center

Submitted by: Holly Street Studio Architects

AWARDS OF MERIT

Name of Entry: Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Headquarters

Submitted by: Gabor Lorant Architects Inc.

**BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES - Historic Preservation**

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: ASU Student Center @ The Post Office

Submitted by: Holly Street Studio Architects

AWARDS OF MERIT

Name of Entry: 225 Main Adaptive Reuse – Benedictine University

Submitted by: City of Mesa

**BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES - Institutional**

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: ASU Health Services Building

Submitted by: Orcutt I Winslow

AWARD OF MERIT

Name of Entry: Central Arizona College Maricopa Campus

Submitted by: SmithGroupJJR

**BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES - Industrial & Public Works**

AWARD OF MERIT

Name of Entry: Intel CH-8 Water Conservation Systems

Submitted by: Intel Corporation

**LIVABLE COMMUNITIES - Sustainable Communities**

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: Encore on First

Submitted by: Okland Construction

AWARD OF MERITS

Name of Entry: Greening Lower Grand Avenue

Submitted by: City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department

Name of Entry: Energize Phoenix

Submitted by: Arizona Public Service

**LIVABLE COMMUNITIES - Multimodal Transportation & Connectivity**

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: City of Phoenix Complete Streets Ordinances

Submitted by: City of Phoenix

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: Fresh Express by Discovery Triangle

Submitted by: Discovery Triangle Development Corporation

**LIVABLE COMMUNITIES - Public Policy/Plans**

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: Transit 2000: The Phoenix Transit Plan

Submitted by: City of Phoenix Public Transit Department

AWARDS OF MERIT

Name of Entry: Tempe Grease Cooperative

Submitted by: City of Tempe

**SITE DEVELOPMENT AND LANDSCAPE - Public Sector**

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: Estrella Hall at Estrella Mountain Community College

Submitted by: Colwell Shelor Landscape Architects

AWARD OF MERIT

Name of Entry: White Tanks FRS No. 3 Outfall Channel

Submitted by: Hoskin Ryan Consultants, Inc.

**SITE DEVELOPMENT AND LANDSCAPE - Private Sector**

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: Memorial Union PowerParasol

Submitted by: Strategic Solar Energy, LLC

AWARD OF MERIT

Name of Entry: Vi at Silverstone

Submitted by: SmithGroupJJR

**SITE DEVELOPMENT AND LANDSCAPE - Parks & Trails**

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: Brown's Ranch Trailhead

Submitted by: Weddle Gilmore

AWARD OF MERIT

Name of Entry: Apache Wash Trailhead

Submitted by: Gavan & Barker, Inc.

**ART IN PUBLIC PLACES**

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: Ground Cover Public Art Project

Submitted by: Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture Public Art Program

AWARD OF MERITS

Name of Entry: Hope Gardens at Matthew Henson Hope VI  
Submitted by: Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture Public Art Program

Name of Entry: Desert Spring, Sonoran Boulevard Public Art Project  
Submitted by: Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture Public Art Program

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/COMMUNICATION - Public Sector**

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: Washington Elementary School District  
Submitted by: Arizona Public Service

AWARD OF MERITS

Name of Entry: Don't Let Our Air Go Up in Smoke  
Submitted by: Maricopa County Air Quality Department

Name of Entry: Clean Air Make More Mobile App  
Submitted by: Maricopa County Air Quality Department

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/COMMUNICATION - Private Sector**

AWARD OF MERIT

Name of Entry: Green Ideas Market Transformation Through Education  
Submitted by: Green Ideas Sustainability Consultants

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/COMMUNICATION - Educators, Students & Nonprofit Organizations**

CRESCORDIA

Name of Entry: McDowell Sonoran Field Institute  
Submitted by: Daniel Gruber

AWARD OF MERITS

Name of Entry: Arizona Project WET  
Submitted by: University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Arizona Cooperative Extension

Name of Entry: Smartscape  
Submitted by: University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, Maricopa County

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD (Best of Show)**

Name of Entry: Solana Generating Station  
Submitted by: Arizona Public Service

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