



# The 2010 Vermont Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence & Pollution Prevention Application Form



**Due by Thursday, December 31, 2009**

## General

The 2010 Vermont Governor's Awards are for projects completed or with full implementation by the end of 2009. Full implementation is for what is submitted, which can be a part of a larger project. The application may be for yourself or someone else (this also applies to businesses). If nominating someone else, the nominee must be notified and provide written consent.

## Eligibility

Applications for the Governor's Awards are encouraged from:

- Business, Industry, and Trade or Professional Organizations,
- Environmental, Community, and Non-Profit Organizations,
- Individual Citizens,
- Institutions (such as schools, hospitals, and municipalities),
- Teachers and Students,
- Public Agencies.

## Award Categories

Governor's Awards will be considered in each of the following categories:

### **Pollution Prevention-**

Projects that reduce or eliminate the generation of pollutants and wastes at the source. The award category also includes toxics use reduction (TUR) efforts.

### **Earth Stewardship and Resource Protection**

Projects with measurable and direct benefits to air, soil or water resources protecting ecosystems including those of fish, wildlife and human communities.

### **Land Use and Land Use Planning**

Projects that preserve or conserve land to create ecological and environmental benefits or that advance smart growth alternatives.

### **Resource Conservation**

Projects that conserve resources and protect the environment by minimizing resource consumption or by applying the strategies of reduced consumption, reuse, recycling, or energy efficiency.

### **Environmental Justice and Sustainability**

Projects that achieve greater environmental/economic justice and/or efficiency by helping Vermonters to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

### **Education and Outreach**

Projects that inform and educate others about environmentally responsible practices or that empower citizens to enhance the quality of the environment for local, regional or global communities.

### **Youth Environmental Citizenship Award**

Projects accomplished by a young person or young people (21 years or younger) that achieve significant positive environmental outcomes.

## Selection Criteria

Entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges selected by the Agency of Natural Resources' Environmental Assistance Office. The panel will include representatives from industry, environmental organizations, academia, and government. Provide charts, graphs, photographs, special event attendance records, participant survey results or other indicators that would assist judges in efforts to determine effectiveness. Selection criteria are:

- 1. Benefits To The Environment:** Describe how the project advances environmental protection, preservation, or conservation. Be specific on which aspect of the environment is affected,. Provide estimated amounts in weight, volume or percentage of waste or emissions prevented or reduced. Use measures of waste generated or emissions normalized to the unit of production or dollars of revenue where possible. Describe any reduction in the use of toxic substances resulting from an input substitution, a process change, product reformulation or procedural change. Describe achievements in energy savings, resource conservation, emission and waste reduction, etc.
- 2. Health & Safety Benefits:** Describe how the project or technology has reduced occupational exposures and/or improved workplace and community safety.
- 3. Use Of Innovative Approaches, Techniques, And/Or Technologies:** Describe features that make the project outstanding. Indicate how it represents or advances a unique or different approach, technique and/or technology to manufacture something, to provide a service, or to work with others to solve environmental problems.
- 4. Level Of Commitment And Leadership:** Describe how the project reflects the environmental leadership and commitment of the organization or individual. Commitment and leadership is often evidenced by duration of the project activity. For businesses this can be seen in systemic investments in environmental management (e.g. implementation of an environmental management system, effective community involvement, environmental accounting, life cycle assessments and/or performance measures). (See criteria 7 for additional indicators.)
- 5. Transferability:** Describe how the project might be replicable by others. For educational environments, this would include other students, teachers or parent groups. Include what efforts have been made to share key findings/innovations where most applicable.
- 6. Economic Efficiency:** Describe the economic savings realized and projected as a result of implementing the project. Include dollar savings related to reduced insurance liability, reduced regulatory responsibility (due to a change in regulatory status), and/or increases in productivity without increases in input.
- 7. Advancement of Educational Excellence:** Describe features that make the project outstanding. Describe the audience reached. Indicate how it provided useful information, changed the way people impact the environment, and increased awareness of environmental issues. How did it advance the role of prevention as the strategy of first choice?

The significance of each of these criteria will vary with award category.

For more information or clarification, contact Vicky Viens (contact information below).

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### Instructions

To complete this form, use the "Tab" key to move to a shaded area and enter the information requested.

Complete as much of the information as possible in order to strengthen the application.

Returns can be put in the fill-in boxes by holding down the Ctrl key and clicking enter.

Notes on the project description: The description should be clear and concise.

Applicants are encouraged to submit a reasonable amount of supporting materials with their applications. Examples include photographs, news clippings, press releases, publications, data sets, process flow diagrams and other materials that can give the judges a more comprehensive view of a project.

Save a copy of the application for your records.

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***NOTE: All entries are public information and summaries of winning applications will be published. Neither applications nor supporting materials can be returned. Judges reserve the right to inspect the applicant's project.***

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**Section 1 | Project Contact Information** (for individual, business, or group being nominated):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group or Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section 2 | Individual Submitting Application:** If different from above. If nominating someone else, the nominee must be notified and provide written consent.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group or Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section 3 | Project Name:**

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**Section 4 | Award category:** Please select a single most appropriate category (see above for details). The committee reserves the right to consider the application for all categories.

- Pollution Prevention
- Environmental Stewardship and Resource Protection
- Land Use and Land Use Planning.
- Resource Conservation
- Environmental Justice and Sustainability
- Education and Outreach
- Youth Environmental Citizenship Award

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**Section 5 | Project Time Period** for this application.

\_\_\_\_\_ Project Start Date (Format – m/d/yyyy)

\_\_\_\_\_ Project End Date (Format – m/d/yyyy)

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**Section 6 | Project Abstract** Provide a concise, one paragraph description of the project.

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**Section 7 | Background Information:** Provide appropriate background information for individual or business. E.g. for businesses or organizations include type, size and products or services provided.

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*Criteria #2 – Health and safety benefits*

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*Criteria #3 – Use of innovative approaches, techniques, and/or technologies*

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*Criteria #4 – Level of commitment and leadership*

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*Criteria #5 – Transferability*

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*Criteria #6 – Economic efficiency*

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*Criteria #7 – Advancement of Educational Excellence*

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