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CITY OF INDUSTRY-BASED US AIR CONDITIONING DISTRIBUTORS RECEIVES STATEWIDE RECOGNITION FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

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Sacramento, CA – August 8, 2011. The City of Industry-based US Air Conditioning Distributors was one of four California companies honored by the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) during the organization's Arrow Awards ceremony held in San Diego at the California Resource Recovery Associations 35th annual conference. The Arrow Awards were created by CPSC with a grant from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) given to the Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority.

Because of their "Cash for Clunkers" mercury thermostat take-back program, the City of Industry-based US Air Conditioning Distributors received the Infinity Award for service and take-back this year. The program gave contractors incentives to collect and properly recycle mercury thermostats by placing recycling bins at all their branches. By collecting more than 55 lbs. of mercury in 2010, the company also won a Waste Recycling Award from CalRecycle. The company also saved \$85,000 in fuel by switching to natural gas trucks, recycled 73,180 lbs. of scrap metal, 12,320 lbs. of corrugated cardboard, 3,360 lbs. of white paper and 500 lbs. of electronic waste that same year. Their pro-active efforts make them a leader in the nation and a champion for the environment. For more information, visit www.us-ac.com.

Opportunity Green, Savory and Sweet Catering and the Agricultural Container Recycling Council also received statewide recognition for overall excellence in product stewardship, system design and innovation, and coalition building.

"We are so pleased to spotlight the contributions of these businesses and organizations that are truly product-stewardship stars in California," said Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director of CPSC.

Honorees were escorted down a recycled red carpet, donated by Bentley Prince Street, a California carpet manufacturer.

For a complete list of honorees, please go to www.calpsc.org/awards/2011-winners.html.

CPSC educates both the public and private sectors about product stewardship and closely partners with businesses, jurisdictions, waste and recycling companies, manufacturers and others to promote and encourage sustainable practices. Through its annual Arrow Awards, the nonprofit recognizes companies that are taking a leadership role in waste reduction. For information, please visit www.CalPSC.org.

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