

# Evergreen Award Fact Sheet



GSA's Integrated Workplace Acquisition Center's (IWAC) Evergreen Award Program was developed in order to:

- Support the federal government's environmental initiatives
- Assist GSA's customers in identifying environmentally preferable products currently on schedule
- Recognize the efforts of our business partners in:
  - Recycling
  - Affirmative Procurement
  - Waste Reduction
- Set an example for other IWACenter business partners to follow

The Evergreen Award itself "closes the recycling loop" in that it is made from recycled glass by one of our MAS partners, Ultraglas, a small woman-owned business.

***The Integrated Workplace Acquisition Center presents awards in five commodity areas:***

- Furniture
- Furnishings
- Technologies and Electronics
- Sports and Recreation (added in 2009)
- Small Business (added in 2011)

***Award / Evaluation Process:***

- Firms self-nominate based on the established categories and submit applications
- Evaluation Team consists of representatives from six IWACenter divisions evaluates all nominations
- Evaluation Team submits its recommendation to the Director of the Integrated Workplace Acquisition Center and a decision is made for each commodity area

***Five of the categories considered in evaluation nominations are:***

**1. WASTE PREVENTION**

Reductions in the generation of wastes through any change in

- Design
- Manufacturing
- Use of materials or products
- Amount of toxicity in waste materials prior to recycling, treatment or disposal

**2. RECYCLING**

Recognizes activities which help recover materials from the waste stream such as

- Outreach
- Collection
- Separation
- Processing for use in new products

### **3. AFFIRMATIVE PROCUREMENT**

This category recognizes effective and innovative programs for the purchase and use of recovered materials

### **4. ENVIRONMENTAL PREFERABILITY**

This category recognizes:

- Acquisition, use, or validation of products / services which reduce adverse impacts on human health and the environment
- Process improvements that result in monetary savings and environmental benefits
- Product testing which led to the use of environmentally preferable products and services

### **5. MODEL FACILITY**

This category recognizes environmental stewardship through:

- Leadership
- Investment in resources
- Change in culture

#### ***Prior Evergreen Award recipients***

- Milliken Carpet (1998)
- Herman Miller (1998)
- Collins & Aikman (1999)
- Haworth (1999)
- The Refinishing Touch (2000)
- Steelcase (2000)
- Interface (2001)
- Virco (2002)
- Mohawk (2003)
- HON (2003)
- The Environmentalists™ (2004)
- Canon (2004)
- Kyocera Mita (2005)
- Watson (2005)
- Shaw Industries (2005)
- Southern Aluminum (2006)
- Xerox (2006)
- Spectrum Industries (2007)
- Mohawk (2007)
- Sharp (2007)
- Bentley Prince Street (2008)
- Kyocera Mita (2008)
- Teknion (2008)
- J&J Invision (2009)
- Valley Forge Fabrics (2009)
- Safeplay Systems (2009)
- Konica Minolta (2009)
- Steelcase (2010)
- Shaw Industries (2010)
- Simplex Grinnell (2010)
- Playmart (2010)
- Jasper Group (2011)
- Lexmark International (2011)
- Bentley Price Street (2011)
- Playworld Systems, Inc. (2011)
- Metalworks, Inc. (2011)