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National Recycling Winner, State Funding Update and Bins for Schools!!

Dear Friends,

Although January has come and passed, it's never too late to wish you all a happy and healthy 2013.

National Recycling Competition Winner!

We are thrilled to report that Taylor Primary (a pre-K through 3rd grade public school) in Kokomo Indiana won the 2012 national Recycle-Bowl competition! Taylor went up against 1,500 schools across the country and we couldn't be more thrilled that they brought home the top award.

Congratulations to the students, teachers and staff at Taylor for this exciting win which garnered a \$2,000 prize and an awards ceremony hosted by Keep America Beautiful and Nestle Waters North America. A special thanks goes to Mikki Jeffers and her team at the Howard County Solid Waste Management District for their support of K-12 recycling programs throughout the county.

Photos of the awards ceremony can be viewed on our [Facebook page](#) and additional information about the event can be viewed [here](#).

State Recycling Fund Update

Last fall we told you about the IRC's efforts to bring industry stakeholders together in support of re-instating Indiana's recycling fund. This effort is designed to highlight the strong support for recycling from Indiana's manufacturers and other key industry stakeholders. Last month, we sent a [letter](#) to Governor Pence signed by industry representatives requesting the reinstatement of Indiana's recycling fund. We will keep you posted as conversations with the Governor's office move forward.

K-12 Recycling

The IRC's focus on expanding K-12 recycling in 2013 was recently given a big boost thanks to a generous donation from Eli Lilly and Company of 9,000 classroom recycling bins! Please contact Annie Hostetter at annie@indianarecycling.org to learn more about this opportunity to provide bins for schools in your area.

Sustainably yours,

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Carey Hamilton
Executive Director

Indiana Recycling Coalition



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

We'll be returning to the Wyndham West hotel in Indianapolis from May 14-16, 2013 for the annual Conference. This year's event will feature educational sessions, plenty of networking opportunities and, as always, the trade show.

This year we have a special registration rate for all of our government sector friends. [Learn more](#) about the Conference and [register before the early-bird rates expire](#).

Register Today



IRC Lend-a-Bin at the 2012 Marion County Fair

COUNTY FAIR BIN GRANT

Keep America Beautiful and Alcoa have joined forces to improve public space recycling and composting through partnerships with county fairs. The eligible fair locations for this grant are: Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington DC and the state of Washington. This isn't a typical bin grant program. Besides providing bins to the winners, KAB will provide technical assistance (to staff and vendors) and staffing oversight for recycling collection during the fair. If chosen, the fair would receive between \$5,000 and \$10,000 worth of recycling bins and contracted staff support during the event. Applications will be evaluated in terms of level of need, community recycling infrastructure, attendance numbers, promotion of the recycling program, and its ability to serve as a model for other fairs. Fairs will be required to work with KAB throughout 2013 on the planning of the recycling/composting program, documenting of successes and lesson's learned and reporting to sponsors about the amount of material diverted.

The deadline for submission is Monday, March 4, 2013. Apply here

- <https://www.research.net/s/2013CountyFairBinGrant> . Questions: Kelley Dennings, Director of Recycling, Keep America Beautiful, 202-688-0605, kdennings@kab.org



RECYCLE-BOWL

And the winner is....

Taylor Primary in Kokomo, Indiana!! [Click here](#) to read about the exciting celebration at Taylor Primary earlier this month!



RECYCLEMANIA

KAB's college and university recycling competition, RecycleMania, kicked off on February 3. Last year Purdue University won four of the eight awards. Who will challenge the Boilemakers to be the best recyclers in Indiana?

For promotional resources to fire up your campus, [click here](#).



COMPOSTING

The IRC's food waste composting initiative continued to take shape last month with IDEM's release of its draft rule change. Composting stakeholders from around the state gathered at the Indiana Government Center to discuss the proposed regulation changes. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the draft rule email Jonathan Allinson @ jonathan@indianarecycling.org.

THE COCA-COLA FOUNDATION KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL BIN GRANT PROGRAM

COCA-COLA BIN GRANT

Keep America Beautiful (KAB) and The Coca-Cola Company are proud to partner again for the 2013 Coca-Cola/KAB Recycling Bin Grant Program, a program designed to expand and support recycling in communities across America. Applications will be available online through March 4, 2013. The bin grant program will include college and university focused grants as well as the traditional public space recycling bin grants. All interested parties can visit <http://bingrant.org> to apply.



Reuse & Recycling in the Bedroom

In the dead of winter, it's easy to spend the bulk of your dark evenings cuddled up in the bedroom. With that in mind, here are [10 things in your bedroom](#) that can be reused or recycled.



Lend-a-Bin

Hosting an event? Keep it green and clean with our [lend-a-bin program](#).



Weekly News

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SENATOR VI SIMPSON RECEIVES CONSERVATION AWARD

The IRC, a member of the Indiana Conservation Alliance, attended the annual Conservation Day at the Statehouse in January. Executive Director Carey Hamilton was thrilled to help recognize Senator Simpson for her commitment to Indiana's environment, including her strong support for recycling over the years. Thank you, Senator Simpson!



MEMBERS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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INDIANA GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

Nominations now being accepted for:

- Energy/Renewable Resources
- Greening the Government
- Land Use
- Outreach or Education
- Pollution Prevention
- Recycling/Reuse
- Five Years Continuous Improvement

The Indiana Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards recognize exemplary projects across Indiana. Projects must demonstrate significant and measurable results, be innovative, comprehensive and documented.

Who Can Apply?

The awards are open to all Indiana facilities, state and local units of government, individuals, and technical assistance organizations that operate or support environmental protection efforts of outstanding quality. Eligible technical assistance organizations include, but are not limited to: public entities, educational groups, trade associations, individuals, public interest and community and labor groups. Nominated projects/facilities must be: located in Indiana; focused on significant environmental protection activity; able to provide at least a year of quantifiable results; innovative; voluntary; in compliance with environmental health and safety laws; and, willing to share information with others via state publications or Web sites.

Nominations must be received by IDEM by 5 p.m. EST on April 19, 2013.

To learn more, call 800.988.7901 or visit www.in.gov/idem/5147.htm

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