

SWANA – Georgia Chapter AWARDS APPLICATION FORM for Recycling/Sustainable Materials Management

Program/Facility Nominated: _____

Contact Person Name & Title: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip/ Province, Postal Code: _____

Phone #: _____

Fax #: _____

Email: _____

Application submitted by (if different than information listed above):

Phone #: _____

Fax #: _____

Email: _____

If selected for an award, how would you like the name of the solid waste worker to read on the award (limit of 50 characters)?

Application Checklist - Please make sure the following items are included in your submittal packet:

*Award Application Form (this form)

*Entry meeting the Application Requirements for the category selected (noted later in this application)

*Entries shall consist of ONE electronic copy of your application in a PDF format emailed to georgiaswana@gmail.com

Release Statement: I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge. SWANA – Georgia Chapter reserves the right to publish the enclosed information. Nominations become the property of SWANA – Georgia Chapter. My signature gives SWANA the right to reprint or make available for purchase any portion of this submittal.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Requirements

Provide answers/information for the following categories:

1.) Executive Summary {5 Points (written)/5 points (video)}

In addition to describing your sustainable materials management program, explain why you deserve to win an award.

OPTIONAL: In addition to a written executive summary of no more than 150 words, you may include a link to a video of no more than 120 seconds that tells the story of your sustainable materials management program and its results.

2.) Decrease Disposal Rate (20 points)

Focus is on tracking and reducing the overall amount of materials disposed, which would encompass activities targeting source reduction, reuse, recycling and prevention. What activities in the categories of source reduction, reuse, recycling and prevention did you implement? What data did you consider to be most important to track? What was your baseline for measurement in each category you measured (source reduction, reuse, recycling and prevention) and what were your results? What period of time was incorporated in your measurement? What challenges did you encounter and how did you overcome them in your measurement process? What do you consider to be your greatest success?

3.) Reduce Environmental Impacts of Materials (20 points)

Focus is on reducing the environmental impacts of materials across their life cycle, including greenhouse gas emissions and reductions in water and energy use. How have you reduced the environmental impacts of materials you use? How have you worked with suppliers from whom you purchase materials? Include data collected to measure greenhouse gas emissions, water and energy use reductions in your facility. What was your baseline for measurement in each category and what were your results? What period of time was incorporated in your measurement? What challenges did you encounter and how did you overcome them in your measurement process? What do you consider to be your greatest success?

4.) Increase socio-economic benefits (25 points)

Focus on tracking and reporting material impacts on the economy as well as social aspects. How has your organization been beneficial to the community? Have you added jobs, raised minimum wages or provided other economic benefits, and if so, how many and what kind? Have you donated staff time, materials or other things to support community causes; if so, describe and indicate a value of your materials or services. Provide a time frame for each type of benefit to the community. What community concerns have been raised about your organization and how were they addressed? What goals and/or expectations have you set for your organization? Does your organizational performance equal or exceed the goals and expectations you set? If not, what are your lessons learned, and what are you doing to improve? What challenges did you encounter and how did you overcome them? What do you consider to be your greatest success?

5.) Increase capacity of government, communities and stakeholders to adopt and implement SMM policies, practices and incentives (20 points)

Focus is on increasing the per capita quantity and quality of recyclables recovered for manufacturing , opportunities for reduction, prevention, reuse and, increasing the number of households with access to both recycling and organics collection. What SMM policies, practices and incentives increased in your community? With what results? Over what period of time? How was your organization influential in those increases? What methods did you use to accomplish your goals? What challenges did you encounter and how did you overcome them? What do you consider to be your greatest success?

6. Application Quality (5 points)

Your application will be judged on its organization and presentation, and on editorial and technical quality. (This is a judges category only, not to be addressed in your application)

All Entries Must Be Postmarked by August 31.

There is NO Application fee for Georgia Chapter Award Submittals.