

Green Fleet Awards Honor Pioneering Programs



The Second Annual Green Fleet Awards showcased ideas that ranged from the easy-to-implement to the long-range. All made significant strides, though, in environmental responsibility.

The awards were divided into two categories, for fleets located in either EPA-act or clean air mandated areas in the United States, or in Pollution Emission Management mandated areas in Canada and those in nonmandated areas.

In clean air mandated areas, the winners were:

Sedan and Light Truck Fleet category: County of Riverside California. Robert Howdyshell, Director, Purchasing and Fleet for the county, accepted the award on behalf of the department. Green initiatives the county enacted included a 25 mile per gallon minimum for fleet vehicle purchases and an annual revision of the minimum mpg limits. The county also implemented an environmentally preferred purchasing system and the creation of an E85 infrastructure.

Truck and Equipment Fleet category: The City of Inglewood, California. Rick Longobart, Fleet Services Superintendent, accepted the award. The city recently enacted a six-year alternative fuel plan, which replaced 143 vehicles and implemented a green depot fueling infrastructure, saving the county more than \$100,000 a year.

In the non-clean air mandated categories:

Sedan and Light Truck Fleet: AT&T. Jerome Webber, Vice President of Fleet Operations for AT&T and Peggy Gibala, Area Manager of Fleet Operations, accepted. AT&T's innovations included deploying alternative fuel vehicles into the fleet, telecommuting when work permits and using GPS to point drivers to the most efficient routes.

Truck & Equipment Fleet category: Snohomish County Public Works (WA). Allen Mitchell, Fleet Manager, accepted the award. The county has reduced CO₂ by more than 2 million pounds, by developing a biodiesel infrastructure and retrofitting 109 diesel-powered vehicles.

The Green Fleet Award winners participated in an I&E session entitled "Greening Your Fleet: Learn from the Winners," offering in more detail exactly how they accomplished these initiatives.