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### ARIZONA FORWARD & SRP SEEK STATEWIDE ENTRIES FOR 36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS PROGRAM

*All Categories Open to Statewide Submittals*

ARIZONA (June 8, 2016) – Arizona Forward in partnership with SRP is now accepting nominations for its [36<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Excellence Awards](#), the state’s oldest and largest competition of its kind. The event – known as the *Academy Awards* of the environmental community – recognizes contributions to the sustainability of the Grand Canyon State.

This landmark competition is embracing projects throughout Arizona for the second year. Seeded in 1980, the Environmental Excellence Awards originally recognized exemplary contributions to sustainability of Valley communities and is now statewide in scope with eight broad-based categories, including the *Governor’s Award for Arizona’s Future* and the *SRP Award for Environmental Stewardship*.

The association is requiring submissions be submitted electronically via its FTP site or by mail on a CD-ROM or flash drive. Nominations will be accepted through 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 30. Late submissions will be accepted through July 8 and subject to an additional fee. Submittals must fall into one or more of the following broad-based categories:

- Governor’s Award for Arizona’s Future - *NEWEST CATEGORY*
- Buildings and Structures
- Healthy Communities - *NEWEST CATEGORY*
- Energy and Technology Innovation
- Site Development
- Art in Public Places
- Environmental Education/Communication
- SRP Award for Environmental Stewardship

First-place winners in each of the 17 subcategories will receive the Crescordia award, named for the Greek term meaning “*To grow in harmony.*” Arizona Forward will also confer its most prestigious honor, the President’s Award, on an individual or organization that has had an exceptional impact on environmental quality.

Recipients will be announced at an awards gala on **Saturday, September 10, 2016**, at the **Arizona Grand Resort**. More than 600 business and civic leaders typically attend.

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Environmental Excellence Awards are highly sought by companies both large and small, government agencies, cities and towns, non-profits, design professionals, educators, media representatives, artists, technicians and others.

Finalists will be notified prior to the gala, however, specific awards will not be announced until that evening. All winners will be asked to prepare a presentation board featuring their project, which will be shown at the awards banquet.

Finalists will also be spotlighted in a special section featured in the *Phoenix Business Journal* and first-place Crescordia winners will be featured in a one-year museum-quality traveling exhibit to high profile locations throughout Arizona.

Arizona Forward is a 47-year-old, non-profit public interest organization that brings public and private sector leaders together to encourage cooperative efforts to improve the environmental quality and economic vitality in the Grand Canyon State. Its collective influence ensures healthy communities through smart growth and development, efficient transportation, improved air quality, responsible water management, energy alternatives, healthy forest ecosystems and meaningful education throughout Arizona.

*Nomination forms are available by calling (602) 240-2408 and are posted on the organization's website at [arizonaforward.org](http://arizonaforward.org).*

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