City’s Fleet Management & Solid Waste Divisions Honored with a 2012 Sacramento Sustainable Business of the Year Award

The City of Sacramento Department of General Services Fleet Management and Solid Waste and Recycling Divisions will be honored with a 2012 Sacramento Sustainable Business of the Year Award presented by the Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC). These awards recognize top environmentally conscious Sacramento area businesses whose practices demonstrate an outstanding commitment to enhancing sustainability. The award is being presented Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento.

Fleet Management and Solid Waste & Recycling are being honored in the Transportation/Air Quality category for their commitment to reducing vehicle emissions by implementing a heavy-duty fleet of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) refuse trucks – 33 to date. Each LNG refuse truck placed in service reduces diesel fuel use by up to 10,000 gallons per year and dramatically reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

“The City has made a commitment to becoming a more sustainable community,” states Keith Leech, Fleet Manager. “Use of Liquefied Natural Gas in the garbage, recycle and yard waste trucks is a big step in making our fleet environmentally friendly.”

“The new trucks are not only cleaner to run and more enjoyable to drive, they break down less which helps us provide timely, efficient services to our 124,000 residential customers,” says Steve Harriman, Integrated Waste Manager for the City of Sacramento.

Established in 1993, the Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC) provides free and confidential regulatory assistance to help businesses understand and comply with local, state and federal regulations. The Sacramento Area Sustainable Business program promotes businesses that take voluntary actions to prevent pollution and conserve resources.

For additional information on the BERC Sustainable Business of the Year Awards Ceremony, visit the Metro Chamber Event Calendar