



Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Southeast District Superior Excellence Distinction Award

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Southeast District's Superior Excellence Distinction Award recognizes an organization's exceptional achievements in environmental stewardship. Any business, industry, trade association, professional organization, local government or non-profit organization in the Southeast District of Florida can be recognized for their commitment to the environment. The Southeast District encompasses seven counties (Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Okeechobee and Indian River).

The objective of environmental stewardship is to reduce the impact on the environment beyond measures required by permit or rule, ensuring responsible use and protection of the natural environment through conservation and sustainable practices.

Nominations should include:

- Name of business, association, organization, or government agency to be considered.
- Contact information for the nominator and contact for the organization if not the same.
- Summary of proactive, innovative and exceptional achievements in environmental stewardship, **not to exceed two typed pages.**
- Any special notes or supporting documentation.
- Applicants should demonstrate significant and measurable achievements that provide a direct benefit to our environment in one or more of the following categories:

- Reducing environmental impacts
- Resource conservation
- Enhancing ecosystems
- Restoring impacts

Additional criteria that will be considered include:

- Management commitment
- Employee involvement
- Continuous improvement
- Environmental management systems
- Best management practices
- Community education and outreach

Please note that participants must be in compliance with any authorizations issued by the FDEP.

Benefits of recognition include:

- Certificate of recognition and presentation by the Southeast District Director
- FDEP press release

Nominations may be submitted by mail to the Southeast District Office at the address below or by email to southeast.district@dep.state.fl.us. Nominations must be received on or before **May 15, 2017 by 5:00pm (ET)**. The award will be presented at the Southeast District's Open House in June 2017.

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