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UT-Battelle, LLC receives Environmental Recognitions

UT-Battelle was recognized for environmental accomplishments by Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry at the 27th Annual Tennessee Chamber Environmental Conference.

UT-Battelle submitted a nomination for conserving water uses at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory by use of low flow fixtures and faucets and reuse of rain water for irrigation. These activities are in support of ORNL's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified East Campus. Other water saving enhancements included a closed-loop chiller system, a cooling water initiative, and a steam plant water reduction. The combination of these initiatives generated a water savings of about 15 million gallons per year. Additionally, UT-Battelle led an initiative to institute a sustainable green transformation for Oak Ridge High School. This successful activity included other corporate members and citizens of the City of Oak Ridge.

"UT-Battelle continues to demonstrate by these projects their environmental awareness and stewardship and was presented the Water Quality Award and an Achievement Certificate for Environmental Excellence," said Wayne Scharber, Vice-President for Environmental Affairs for the Tennessee Chamber.

The awards and achievement certificates, presented during the 27th annual Tennessee Chamber Environmental Conference at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel, cited industries for successes in the areas of air quality, water quality, solid waste management, hazardous waste management, and environmental excellence. Awards are given on the basis of past performance, innovation and compliance beyond legal requirements for companies with less than 250 employees and those with more than 250 employees.

The award and certificate were accepted by Joe Herndon and Susan Michaud. (Digital pictures may be obtained Oct. 30th at www.tnchamber.org)

“All of the companies receiving recognition have gone the extra mile to protect the air we breathe, the water we drink, and to make our environment a cleaner and safer place to live,” said Scharber. “They are excellent examples of how Tennessee companies work to preserve the environment.”

Additionally, “Achievement Certificate” winners, with more than 250 employees, for (1) air quality was Babcock & Wilcox Technical Services Y-12 in Oak Ridge; (2) hazardous waste management were DTR Tennessee in Tazewell and JTEKT Automotive Tennessee-Morristown; (3) solid waste management included DTR Tennessee in Tazewell, DTR Tennessee in Midway, Babcock & Wilcox Technical Services Y-12 in Oak Ridge, JTEKT Automotive Tennessee-Morristown and U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company Manufacturing Center in Nashville; (4) water quality was JTEKT Automotive Tennessee-Morristown, and (5) environmental excellence were Babcock & Wilcox Y-12 in Oak Ridge and JTEKT Automotive Tennessee-Morristown.

Other award winners in the media areas included the following:

- ❑ Babcock & Wilcox Y-12 in Oak Ridge for Solid Waste Management and Hazardous Waste Management
- ❑ JTEKT Automotive Tennessee-Morristown for Air Quality
- ❑ Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC – Warren Plant in Morrison for Environmental Excellence.

“These 2009 Environmental Award recipients are WINNERS, the citizens of Tennessee and our environment are also winners,” said Scharber. The Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry is the state’s largest broad-based trade association, representing employers and their employees across the state.

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