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**The Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry Host the 34th Annual
Environment & Energy Awards Dinner**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry hosted its 34th annual Environment & Energy Awards Dinner on October 26th at the Montgomery Bell State Park Conference Center. The event drew in approximately 100 plus attendees including business and industry leaders from across the state as well as representatives from Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) and Region IV of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Along with Bob Martineau, Commissioner of TDEC, the Tennessee Chamber recognized seven companies for their environmental performance and outstanding energy management efforts. The awards were organized by category: Water Quality, Air Quality, Solid & Hazardous Waste Management, Environmental Excellence, and Energy Excellence. Recipients were chosen based on their efforts to go beyond compliance to implement sustainable environmental improvements including the capital investment dedicated to the improvement, reduction of consumption/releases of energy, water, fuel and/or emissions, degree of innovation, long-term environmental benefits and overall significance of the achievement. Also, awarded was the Chamber's Inaugural Lifetime Excellence Award to an individual who has demonstrated commitment, leadership and outstanding achievements in the areas of environment and energy for the regulated community, throughout their career.

"The Tennessee Chamber is honored to recognize these Tennessee businesses that have demonstrated outstanding achievement toward environmental protection and enhancement as well as proactive and innovative energy policies" said Amy G. Martin, Associate Vice President of Environment and Energy for the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry. "We are also pleased to honor Wayne Scharber as the inaugural winner of the Chamber's Lifetime Excellence Award in recognition of his exemplary career in representing Tennessee industry while protecting the state's natural resources".

Award recipients:

Air Quality Award (less than 250 employees)

- ABC INOAC Exterior Systems in Livingston, TN

Air Quality Award (more than 250 employees)

- Tate & Lyle Ingredients Americas in Loudon, TN

Water Quality Award (less than 250 employees)

- Tennessee American Water in Chattanooga, TN

Water Quality Award (more than 250 employees)

- Nissan North America in Smyrna, TN

Solid & Hazardous Waste Management Award (less than 250 employees)

- ABC INOAC Exterior Systems in Livingston, TN

Solid & Hazardous Waste Management Award (more than 250 employees)

- Tate & Lyle Ingredients Americas in Loudon, TN

Comprehensive Energy Excellence Award (less than 250 employees)

- ABC INOAC Exterior Systems in Livingston, TN

Comprehensive Energy Excellence Award (more than 250 employees)

- Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, TN
Comprehensive Environmental Excellence Award (less than 250 employees)
- Tuff Torq Corporation in Morriston, TN
Comprehensive Environmental Excellence Award (more than 250 employees)
- BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee in Chattanooga, TN
Lifetime Excellence Award
- Wayne Scharber, Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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