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Mark Stoddard of the IDEM Compliance and Technical Assistance Program honored with Karen V. Brown Leadership Award

The National Steering Committee (NSC) of Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAPs) & Small Business Ombudsmen (SBO) have recognized Mark Stoddard of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Compliance and Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) as the 2021 winner of the Karen V. Brown Leadership Award. This award acknowledges the accomplishments of an individual who promotes small business compliance assistance, sustainability, advocacy, and collaboration nationwide. These individuals have demonstrated leadership, innovation, dedication to environmental protection, and persistence in building strong local/state/federal partnerships for small business compliance assistance throughout their career as a SBEAP/SBO.

Mark Stoddard was recognized for his leadership and participation in the NSC Technical Subcommittee and as a long-time technical expert who shared his knowledge and resources with anyone who asked. Even before he took on the role of co-chair of the Technical Subcommittee, Mark has been a prolific source of technical information for questions that came up from members of the group. Currently Mark has been the co-chair of the Technical subcommittee for over five years, and in that time has grown the breadth and depth of topics presented at the subcommittee meetings to keep members up to date on issues that will impact small businesses.

Donovan Grimwood, TN SBEAP, the NSC Vice Chair and co-chair of the Technical Subcommittee for two years, stressed in his nomination that with Mark's leadership "[t]he Technical Subcommittee monthly calls remain some of the most active monthly calls amongst the NSC. Typically, there are at least 30 attendees, with that number sometimes climbing to 50 or more. The Technical subcommittee also serves as a primary point of discussion or involvement from non-leadership SBEAP staff as state program managers see the value in having their staff be involved in the Technical Subcommittee."

The SBEAP/SBO NSC Awards are the States' premier awards program for recognizing outstanding environmental leadership among small businesses and small business assistance providers. These awards recognize small businesses, SBEAP/SBO programs and individuals, trade associations and other business assistance providers who have made significant contributions to protecting the environment. The awards program is sponsored by the SBEAP/SBO NSC in partnership with U.S. EPA Asbestos and Small Business Office.

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About the Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs and Small Business Ombudsmen

The Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAP) and Small Business Ombudsmen (SBO) were created under Section 507 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. For more than 25 years, the SBEAP/SBO have provided extensive, hands-on technical assistance to small businesses across the country to help them understand and comply with complex environmental regulations. The SBEAP/SBO website, <https://nationalsbeap.org/>, is a resource for program participants and small businesses. Find your state specific contact at: <https://nationalsbeap.org/states>. #SBEAP #SmallBusiness