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Ohio EPA official honored with Karen V. Brown Leadership Award

The Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAPs) have recognized Rick Carleski of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency as the 2016 winner of the Karen V. Brown Leadership Award. He was chosen by a group of his peers on the SBEAP National Steering Committee.

Carleski was recognized for his accomplishments in regulatory compliance, sustainability, advocacy, and collaboration with small businesses and the environmental assistance programs over the past 20 years.

“I am very honored and humbled to accept this award. It feels a bit ironic to receive this award because I’ve simply been doing what Karen Brown inspired us to do. Her passion and tenacity for helping businesses rubbed off on me back in 1995 when I was forming Ohio’s SBEAP” said Rick Carleski.

The SBEAP National Steering Committee Awards are the states’ premier environmental awards for recognizing outstanding environmental performance, programs and individuals. The awards honor and recognize small businesses, individuals, trade associations and others who have made significant contributions to protecting the environment.

The NSC Awards are presented at the 2016 Annual SBEAP Training in the Washington, D.C. area in conjunction with National Small Business Week, May 3-5, 2016.

The NSC would also like to recognize Rivanna Natural Designs for their creative awards and their continued support of green manufacturing. For more information on Rivanna Natural Designs please visit www.rivannadesigns.com.

More information about the Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs is available at <https://nationalsbeap.org/>.

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About the Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAPs)

The Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs were created under Section 507 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. For more than 20 years, the SBEAPs have provided extensive, hands-on technical assistance to small businesses across the country to help them understand and comply with complex environmental regulations. The SBEAPs recently launched a new website, <https://nationalsbeap.org/> which is a resource for program participants and small businesses. You can find your state specific contact at: <https://nationalsbeap.org/states>