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Best Body Shop selected for the Small Business Environmental Stewardship Award

The National Steering Committee (NSC) of Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAPs) and Small Business Ombudsmen (SBO) have recognized Best Body Shop with the 2022 Small Business Environmental Stewardship Award. The company, based in Wichita, Kansas, was recognized for its accomplishments in the areas of improving environmental performance, pollution prevention and sustainability.

Best Body Shop was recognized for working with the Kansas SBEAP on assessing its compliance requirements under the Kansas Air Quality Regulations and switching from solvent paint to a water-hybrid system. The shop also implemented proactive compliance measures related to air emissions and waste management. Owners Barbara and Clay Hoberecht expanded their knowledge of environmental compliance and shared what they learned with their employees and vendors.

“After meeting on-site with the Hoberechts, it was apparent that this forward-thinking body shop wanted to meet their multimedia compliance obligations,” said Nancy Larson, director of K-State’s Pollution Prevention Institute.

Barbara Hoberecht said that despite the small size of her business, she considers this an important investment.

“We are all about quality, not quantity,” she said. “Although we have low volume, we specialize in high-quality, concierge-type service. We think by accepting recognition like this, other small body shops will see our success and realize they don’t need to cut corners to provide a reasonable cost, high-quality product to their customer.”

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 the U.S. EPA Asbestos and Small Business Office.

More information about the state SBEAP/SBO is available at <https://nationalsbeap.org/>.

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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