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Providers of Regional Erosion Education Earn Recognition

Erosion and sediment control regulations vary from state to state, county to county and city to city. Industry professionals looking to stay abreast of the latest trends, changes and methods of compliance are receiving help from the International Erosion Control Association's (IECA) award-winning regional Chapters.

The following IECA Chapters have been recognized through IECA's *Partners for Excellence Program* for providing outstanding service to the erosion and sediment control community in the areas of member services, Chapter management and education and outreach:

- Western Chapter (AZ, CA, HI and NV) has earned the Rick Granard Award of Distinction, the highest overall award.
- Pacific Northwest Chapter (AK, OR, WA, ID and BC) has earned the Chapter Management Award of Achievement.
- Mid-Atlantic Chapter (DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA, D.C. and WV) has earned the Membership Development and Services Award of Achievement.
- South Central Chapter (AR, OK and TX) has earned the Education/Outreach Award of Achievement.

Located throughout the U.S. and in 5 other regions of the world, IECA Chapters are instrumental in providing the erosion and sediment control community with education and networking opportunities through regional conferences, workshops and field days. Many Chapters also host websites and produce newsletters with information specific to their area.

"Our Chapter Board has made a conscious effort to spread training and educational opportunities throughout our region because they realize that most local government agencies, small businesses and other interested persons do not have the time or the budget to travel overnight or be gone more than a day or two," said DJ Brouwer, PE, CFM, South Central Chapter treasurer.

Chapters will receive their awards, Tuesday, February 13, at the EC07 Awards Luncheon in Reno, NV. Other awards to be presented at the luncheon include the IECA *Awards of Environmental Excellence*.

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About IECA

The International Erosion Control Association (IECA) is the world's oldest and largest association devoted entirely to helping members solve the problems caused by erosion and its byproduct – sediment. Founded in 1972, IECA is a non-profit organization that serves as the premier global resource for the prevention and control of erosion. For more information about regional Chapters, state-of-the-art educational events and materials, please visit our web site at www.ieca.org.

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