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R5 Certified Partners Announced

JOHNSON COUNTY, KAN. (April 19, 2017)—Johnson County Department of Health and Environment is awarding 48 entities for outstanding environmental achievements related to waste diversion, recycling, composting, purchasing sustainably, and more.

Awardees met criteria in the following R5 categories:

REinvest in their company, community, economy and future.

REthink their business process, how they manage resources and purchasing power.

REduce consumption, waste and their environmental impact.

REuse products and consciously buy reusables.

REcycle as a last resort and buy recycled products to support a closed-loop system.

Of the 48, there are 9 businesses, 4 non-profits, 33 schools in the Shawnee Mission School District, and 2 schools in the Blue Valley School District.

In celebration of Earth Day, the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners will recognize the partners at a reception April 20, 8:30 a.m. at the Johnson Administration Building, 111 S. Cherry St., Olathe, Kansas.

A complete list of awardees and their accomplishments is available at:

<http://www.jocogov.org/dept/health-and-environment/environment/certified-green-program/certified-green-partners>

Organizations interested in becoming R5 Certified can apply at

<http://www.jocogov.org/dept/health-and-environment/environment/certified-green-program/get-certified>

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About Johnson County, Kansas

Located in the southwestern quadrant of the Kansas City Metropolitan Region, Johnson County, Kansas is a community of choice with a current population of more than 560,000, making it the most populated of the 105 counties in Kansas, but traditionally having the lowest mill levy in the state. For more information visit the county's website at www.jocogov.org.