Johnson County Seeks Applicants for the 2013 Green Business Awards

(Olathe, KS – Nov. 1, 2013) – Johnson County businesses that want recognition for their waste reduction efforts and “green” practices are encouraged to apply for the Johnson County Solid Waste Management Committee’s 2013 Green Business Awards. The committee is seeking businesses that are leading the way towards a more sustainable community through their efforts in reducing their waste and conserving resources.

Businesses with programs that incorporate recycling and composting, green purchasing policies, waste reduction, employee education, or other green initiatives are encouraged to apply for the award. Previous awardees have collectively kept millions of pounds of material out of landfills, while saving thousands of dollars and creating a safer more engaged workplace. Award recipients have ranged from elementary schools to manufacturers, from offices to hospitals.

The award is self-nominating and non-competitive. Any business with an established waste reduction or recycling program is encouraged to apply. Applications are due Feb. 15, 2014. Nominees must provide metrics that demonstrate waste diversion activities. The Solid Waste Management Committee will evaluate applications based on overall program effectiveness and the use of innovative approaches and activities. Awardees will be invited to a reception on their behalf.

Winning applicants will receive an award and certificate presented by the Johnson County Solid Waste Management Committee and recognition on the JCDHE website (http://jcdhe.jocogov.org/).

Department of Health and Environment staff is available to provide free consulting, tracking software and start-up toolkits for businesses that need a little extra help in achieving their waste reduction goals. For more information or to fill out an award application, visit the Green Business Awards at http://jcdhe.jocogov.org/environment/programs/recycling/2013-green-business-awards or contact Brandon Hearn, JCDHE environmental health specialist, at (913) 715-6900.

About Johnson County

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 544,000, making it the most populated of the 105 counties in Kansas, but traditionally having the lowest mill levy in the state. Johnson County offers a vibrant quality of life including nationally recognized schools, libraries and parks where businesses and families choose to locate and call their home. For more information visit the county’s website at www.jocogov.org.