



## Collaboration is the Key *- a recap of the awards luncheon -*



As I write this letter, it has been one week since our Awards Luncheon, themed "Collaboration is the Key." We heard many positive comments during the event and through our post-event survey, and are grateful for the supportive feedback.

The morning workshop panels, "Teaming up to Change Your Community's Solid Waste Management System" and "Building Business Partnerships to Maximize Savings in Solid Waste Management and Recycling," were incredibly uplifting and informational. Hearing from multiple people in each workshop, participants were able to consider a variety of experiences and perspectives.

Keynote, Ellen Martin of Closed Loop Fund provided insights on economic considerations for investing in recycling infrastructure, and she gave examples of projects they have funded in the region. The shining stars of the program, however, were our award winners, who had phenomenal stories to tell through their video interviews. Congratulations again to Firststar Fiber, Red Willow County Household Hazardous Waste, HDR, Omaha Biofuels Coop, Hop Cat Lincoln, Ripple Glass, and Adam Prochaska. Two surprise awards were given, one to board member, Gene Hanlon, and another to NRC Deputy Director, Heather Creevan for their superior performance on NRC's behalf.

Here are some stats: 36 sponsors, 2 grantors, 107 attendees, 10 business and community presenters, 1 keynote, 2 facilitators, 2 emcees, 10 vendors, 1 graphic designer, 1 printer, 1 videographer, 3 companies creating award plaques, 1 Country Club of Lincoln, 9 award winners, 8 board members, 5 Advisory Council members and 4 staff members. Need I reiterate, Collaboration is the Key?

- Julie

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**Free Webinar on Best Management Practices for  
Offices, featuring HDR**

On Wednesday, November 8th from 11:30 am -12:30 pm, NRC will host a free webinar about best practices for waste reduction and recycling for the office sector. HDR will describe their sustainable business practices, measurable goals, green team structure, and how they are committed to reducing their environmental impact.



Kim Sosalla-Bahr has more than 20 years of professional architecture and sustainable design experience and has been with HDR in Omaha for the last 21 years. She is a licensed architect, a LEED Accredited Professional for Building Design + Construction, and an ISI Envision Sustainability Professional. Ms. Sosalla-Bahr's experience is related to building design, facilitating sustainable design efforts and documentation, as well as involvement in HDR's internal sustainability initiatives.

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## Recycle a Cycle for the Holidays

Does your business have plans for America Recycles Day (November 15) this year? If not, we have a suggestion. NRC is collaborating with the Lincoln Bike Kitchen for a special America Recycles Day event.



Ask your employees to bring their gently used bikes to work on November 15th (no wrecks, please). Tally the number of bikes and other donations collected, share the info with NRC, and we will recognize you in a news release and in our newsletter. As a participating business, if you collect more than 6 bikes, Lincoln Bike Kitchen volunteers will pick them up at your location. **What better way to recycle, help our neighbors, and keep Lincoln on two wheels?!?**

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## Webinars & Events

[The Road to Zero Waste Conference - Part of SWANApalooza](#)  
March 5-7, 2018 | Denver, Colorado

[2018 Resource Recycling Conference](#)  
October 22-24, 2018 | Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch

[Nebraska Recycling Council online calendar](#)  
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## Articles of Interest

### [Union College Wins Recycling Competition](#)

*The team of students from Union College competed against 49 other schools to collect and recycle 7,657 empties throughout the month of April.*



### [Patagonia launches Worn Wear, an online store for used gear](#)

*The pop-up events were so successful that the outdoor clothing retailer has made them permanent.*

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