2017 Green Spirit Award Nomination Form

The American Bus Association’s (ABA) Green Spirit Award Sponsored by Motor Coach Industries (MCI) recognizes motorcoach industry leaders for their investment in environmentally responsible equipment and the adoption of green business practices.

The award will be presented during ABA’s Marketplace in Cleveland, OH, January 14-17, 2017, to the motorcoach operator that demonstrates the greatest commitment to environmental stewardship in all areas of its business and community.

The Green Spirit Award is based on three aspects of a company’s operations: administrative, maintenance, and equipment and facility practices. Please complete and return this Green Spirit Award Nomination Form by Dec. 19, 2016, to ABAFoundation@buses.org or by fax to (202) 218-7242.

Section I – Contact Information

Company Name: _____________________________________________________________

Company Executive: __________________________________________________________

Company Address: Street/P.O. ________________________________________________

City____________________ State_________________ Zip____________________

Phone Number: _____________________________________________________________

Email Address: _____________________________________________________________

Company Webpage: _________________________________________________________

Section II - Administrative

1. What written administrative or office policies does your company have in place to promote a green working environment? Please include all actions your company is taking.

(Some examples include company policy to reduce paperwork, tracking customer mailing lists to avoid returned mail, utilizing email/voicemail to distribute information, saving important information electronically instead of using paper, etc.)
2. Please describe your company’s recycling policy for trash. Both in the office and trash left onboard motorcoaches?
(Trash examples include, used paper, glass, aluminum and office equipment, etc. Recycling of used motorcoach equipment will be discussed later.)
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3. What incentives does your company offer its employees to keep and promote a “green working environment?”
(Examples may include monetary incentives, complimentary time off, prizes, etc.)
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4. Does your company have a driver policy to teach drivers proper steps to conserve fuel (ex. idle reduction, avoiding aggressive starts)?
Yes____ No____
If so please describe:
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4a If you answered “yes” to question 4, have you tracked the impact of these trainings? If so, please indicate your percentage cost savings as result of your driver training
_______% or $__________

5. Does your company purchase carbon offsets to help counterbalance your greenhouse gas emissions?
Yes_____ No____

6. Has your company promoted green transportation within your community? (Examples may include working with local media, convention and visitors bureaus, clubs and other organizations, etc.)
Yes____ No____
If so please describe:
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7. Over the last 12 months what administrative policies has your company instituted to encourage environmental stewardship?

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8. Please describe any other administrative steps your company is taking to enhance your environmental stewardship?

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9. If your company tracks total deadhead miles, what percentage of total miles are deadhead or driven without passengers? ____%

10. If your company tracks average miles per gallon of fuel for motorcoaches what is that average? ____ MPG

11. If your company tracks average passenger load, what is the average? ____

12. If your company tracks average passenger miles per gallon (PMPG) of fuel, what is the average? ____ PMPG

13. How many motorcoaches does your company operate? ____

14. How many vehicles does your company operate excluding motorcoaches? ____

Section III - Equipment and Maintenance

15. Of the following which does your company recycle? (Please check all that apply)
   - Motor Oil ____
   - Batteries ____
   - Scrap Metal ____
   - Anti-Freeze ____
   - Water ____
   - Tires ____
   - Other hazardous Materials ____

Please describe the recycling policy for each of the items above:

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16. Do your motorcoaches use biodiesel?
   Yes____ No____
   If yes, what is the blend?
     • B5
     • B10
     • B20
     • Other____
   What percentage of your motorcoach fleet uses biodiesel? _____%  

17. Does your motorcoach fleet have engines that meet 2007 EPA emissions standards?
   Yes____ No____
   If yes, what percentage of your fleet meets the 2007 standards? _____% 

18. Does your fleet have engines that meet 2010 EPA emissions standards?
   Yes____ No____
   If yes, what percentage of your fleet meets the 2010 standards? _____% 

19. Does your fleet have any pre-2007 heavy duty diesel equipment which has been retrofitted with Diesel Particulate Filters that meet California Air Resources Board (CARB) level 3 standards?
   Yes ___ No___
   If yes, what percentage of your fleet meets CARB level 3 standards? _____%  

20. Over the last 12 months what percentage of your engines have you retrofitted with CARB level 3 particulate filters? _____% 

21. Does your fleet have Exhaust Gas Recirculation technology (EGR)?
   Yes____ No____

22. Over the last 12 months what percentage of your fleet have you turned over to meet 2007 or 2010 engine requirements? 2007 _____  2010 _____

23. Does your fleet use R134A as an air conditioning refrigerant?
   Yes____ No____

24. Does your fleet run on “super single tires”?
   Yes____ No____
25. Does your fleet use Smartway Certified tires?

Yes____ No____

26. Over the last 12 months, what equipment has been purchased or maintenance procedure has your company instituted to enhance your environmental stewardship?

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27. Please describe any other equipment and maintenance improvements your company is using or making to enhance your environmental stewardship?

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Section IV – Facility

28. Is your facility LEED (Leadership in Energy Environmental Design) certified?

Yes____ No____

29. Is your facility located on a Brownfield site?

Yes ____ No ____

30. Are carpets, paints and sealants in your facility composed of low VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) materials?

Yes ____ No ____

31. Is the flooring in your facility composed of recycled materials?

Yes ____ No ____

32. Is the concrete or asphalt if your driveway or yard composed of recycled material?

Yes ____ No ____

33. Are the windows in your facility high-efficiency glass?

Yes ____ No ____

34. Is your facility equipped with solar panels to produce electricity for your facility?

Yes ____ No ____
35. Please indicate any additional community involvement your company participates in to promote sustainable and green communities.
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36. Does your company have an energy conservation policy such as lowering thermostats, shutting down unused computers, etc.?
Yes ____ No ____
If so please describe:
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37. Over the 12 months what improvements have been made to your facility to enhance your environmental stewardship?
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38. Please describe any other facility improvements that your company is making to enhance your environmental stewardship?
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Section VI – Other

39. Please explain any other processes, products or equipment you are using which enhance your company’s environmental stewardship?
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Section VII - Verification

I, (name) ________________, (title) ____________________, hereby certify that all of the information provided above is truthful and accurate for (company name) ____________________.

Signature: ______________________________