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APR Announces Third Annual Plastics Recycling Showcase

Highlighting Innovations to Support the Plastics Recycling Industry

The APR Plastics Recycling Showcase, a program to highlight and promote industry innovations that have a positive impact on plastics collection and recycling, is now accepting nominations. Developed by the Association of Plastic Recyclers (APR), the third annual program will focus on recently commercialized innovations, as well as community engagement programs developed by APR member companies. As the leading international trade association representing the plastics recycling industry, APR works to provide technical expertise, leadership for long-term industry growth, and commend innovations supporting that growth. The nomination deadline is October 26th.

“This program was created to encourage innovators to address technical challenges facing plastic recyclers,” commented John Standish, APR’s Technical Director. “We recognize that innovation drives the growth of recycling, and is essential to the success of the plastics recycling industry.”

Possible candidates may include the following types of recently commercialized technology or programs:

- Packaging Products
- Processing Equipment
- Recycling Process Step Improvement
- Bale Capability
- Collection or supply capability for postconsumer plastics
- PCR products, products with high PCR content, or new applications of PCR
- Community education programs
- Demonstration programs within communities to identify new approaches to collection or materials processing
- Studies and reports that benchmark today’s capabilities and identify best practices or improvement opportunities

Showcase recipients are selected by a committee comprised of APR members representing a variety of roles within the value chain. The selected innovators will be recognized during The APR Technical Forum held in conjunction with the Plastics Recycling Conference on February 19, 2018. Showcase innovations will be displayed at the APR Booth during the 2018 Plastic Recycling Conference, and during other trade shows throughout the year. They will also be featured on the APR website and an APR Educational Web Seminar.

The APR would like to thank the 2017 Innovators for their commitment to the growth of plastics recycling (click the links below for additional information):

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- [De-Labeler for PET Bottle Wash Lines from AMUT](#)
- [CleanFlake™ Adhesive Technology from Avery Dennison](#)
- [Laminate Postconsumer Resin \(PCR\) Tube from Berry Plastics](#)
- [RETAIN™ Novel Polymer Modifiers from The Dow Chemical Company](#)
- [ECO Continuous Melt Filter for PET Extrusion from Ettlinger](#)
- [The Lush Black Pot: The First FDA PP PCR Resin and Rigid Packaging Application for Cosmetics Developed by KW Plastics](#)

Visit <http://www.plasticsrecycling.org/champions-for-change/programs> for additional information and applications.

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