

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY NAMED *ELECTRIC VEHICLE MERIT AWARD* WINNER FOR 2016

San Francisco, CA – November 1, 2016 – The County of Alameda General Services Agency has been named the *Electric Vehicle Merit Award* winner for 2016. The new award recognizes exceptional progress and commitment in incorporating Electric Vehicles and Electric Vehicle Service Equipment (EV/EVSE) into a public fleet.

The County of Alameda General Services Agency operation was distinguished by their application scored on points by the judges. They are regarded as exceptional based on the criteria of the contest. Other accomplishments include their use of state-of-the-art LED lighting using half the energy while providing better lighting, moving to a “paperless shop” for the technicians, improvements in water efficiency, waste reduction and removing toxins in the air. These environmental efforts have profound impacts on employees and the community. Their culture is one of the possible; innovative, creative, dedicated, talented public servants, fully committed to the best interests of the taxpayers with complete transparency in their operations.

This new award is related to the ongoing *Green Fleet Awards*, but is focused solely on the EV/EVSE component. The *Green Fleet Awards* recognize public fleets that have made outstanding contributions in overall greening of their fleet. The *Green Fleet Awards* and the *Electric Vehicle Merit Award* are open to all public fleets in the Americas. There are more than 38,000 public fleets in North America alone and tens of thousands more in South America. Application notifications were sent out to over 10,000 public fleets and publicized widely. The judges were a panel of former #1 Fleet Managers, Fleet Managers of the Year and other Fleet Experts. The purpose of the *Green Fleet Awards* and the *Electric Vehicle Merit Award* is to encourage other fleets to succeed by using their examples of stewardship.

The Chief Judge of the *Green Fleet Awards*, R. Courtney Bozic, felt that the *Electric Vehicle Merit Award* was needed in response to the reality that while placing EV/EVSE in the fleet may start or continue at small numbers in relation to the entire fleet, doing so involves a massive amount of work at all levels of a public fleet. It also involves a strong commitment to greening the fleet and eliminating emissions. Therefore, recognizing that traditionally the winning fleet’s director becomes a contest judge for the following year, Ms. Bozic proposed the new *Electric Vehicle Merit Award* for the County of Alameda. The fleet’s manager, Mr. David Worthington, will be the primary evaluator of next year’s applications for this award.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

CONTACT:

Tom C Johnson, Author

100 Best Fleets in North America; Green Fleet Awards; Electric Vehicle Merit Award

415-285-8391

tom@the100best.net

www.the100best.com

###