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VACo recognizes winners of the Go Green program

The Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2009 Go Green Awards recognizing local governments that have implemented practical actions that reduce carbon emissions and make energy use more efficient.

The winning counties and program titles are:

Platinum Certification

Albemarle County
Arlington County
Loudoun County
Prince William County

Gold Certification

Fairfax County
York County

Silver Certification

Franklin County
Henrico County

Certification

Hanover County
Roanoke County

This year, VACo launched its participation in an initiative started by the Virginia Municipal League in 2007 called “Go Green Virginia.”

At the root of the program is a friendly competition called the “Green Government Challenge.” To attain “Green Government” status, a county needs to score a minimum of 100 points. Counties can receive a silver, gold or platinum certification for reaching different scoring levels.

The VACo/VML program also provides an opportunity to win cash awards of \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 respectively. Certified counties ranking first, second and third within their assigned

population brackets are eligible. These cash awards are sponsored through the generosity of Moseley Architects and Trane.

“We recently dedicated our new building that was renovated with green construction as a priority,” VACo Executive Director Jim Campbell said. “It only made sense to participate as a partner with the Virginia Municipal League in an exciting program that encourages our members to implement the same thinking and priority.”

In response to VACo’s participation in the Go Green initiative, 24 counties registered. Ten compiled the 100 points necessary by the Oct. 1 deadline to receive Go Green certification.

VACo exists to support county officials and to effectively represent, promote and protect the interests of counties to better serve the people of Virginia.

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