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Tucson Clean Cities Coordinator inducted into Clean Cities Hall of Fame
Colleen Crowninshield, who manages the Tucson Clean Cities program at Pima Association of Governments, is a new inductee into the U.S. Department of Energy’s newly unveiled Clean Cities Hall of Fame.

Crowninshield, who has been the Tucson Clean Cities manager since 2001, received the “Coordinator of the Year” in 2005. All past Coordinator of the Year recipients have joined two others who were inducted at the Clean Cities Stakeholder Summit this past summer in Indianapolis.

“After much consideration, we have decided the Coordinator of the Year award does not adequately convey the significance of their achievements,” said Dennis A. Smith, P.E., U.S. Department of Energy National Clean Cities Director. “These coordinators did not merely demonstrate excellence in one single year, but rather have done so year after year. They have made impressive ongoing contributions to reducing petroleum use. They serve as examples for others across the country. And they embody what it means to be a Clean Cities coordinator.”

The Clean Cities Coordinator of the Year program was established to honor people who have made significant contributions to the program’s mission of reducing petroleum use in transportation.

Utah’s Robin Erickson and Minnesota’s Lisa Thurstin were inducted at the summit. In addition to Crowninshield, other past Coordinators of the Year include: Kevin Herdler of St. Louis Clean Cities, Kellie Walsh of the Greater Indiana Clean Cities Coalition, Melissa Howell of the (Kentucky) Commonwealth Clean Cities Partnership, Chelsea Jenkins of Virginia Clean Cities, Mindy Mize of Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities, and Sam Spofforth of Clean Fuels Ohio.

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“To better communicate the depth and breadth of their work, we are pleased to announce that these seven individuals have been selected for induction into the newly created Clean Cities Hall of Fame, where they will join Robin and Lisa as titans of innovation in the Clean Cities community and the transportation industry,” Smith said.

Crowninshield oversees the 78-member Clean Cities Coalition, which meets bi-monthly. The coalition coordinates with member jurisdictions to develop clean-fueling infrastructure, advance the understanding of the benefits of clean-fuel vehicles and work to develop Clean Corridors on interstate highways and trade routes.

“Colleen has developed a passion for promoting alternative fuels and reducing our nation’s dependence on foreign oil,” said PAG Executive Director Gary Hayes. “She has acquired a vast knowledge of alternative fuels and vehicles and has become an invaluable resource for our region on this subject.”

Visit the Clean Cities Hall of Fame web pages where you will be able to read about their outstanding body of work, and they also will be featured in other materials going forward calling attention to this honor.

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