

**Memorandum
Community & Economic Development Department**



To: Thomas E. Thomas, City Manager
Subject: ATSC Presentation
Date: February 25, 2014

The following will provide information on next Monday's presentation of the Mark W. Schwiebert Sustainability Leadership Award. The award was created in July 2009 by the City's Advanced Technology & Sustainability Consortium (ATSC). It recognizes a business, organization, or individual that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the area of green or sustainable initiatives.

The 2013 award winner is KJWW Engineering Consultants. Representing the organization will President Paul VanDuyne and Vice President Larry Pitham. The award will be presented by Temporary Chair and City Councilman Charles Austin and Kevin Koski, Chair of the Advanced Technology & Sustainability Consortium (ATSC).

Previous winners of this award were:

2009 Mark W. Schwiebert
2010 Augustana College
2011 White HydroPower
2012 Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation

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2013 Mark W. Schwiebert Sustainability Leadership Award

Members of Rock Island's Advanced Technology and Sustainability Consortium (ATSC) established the Mark W. Schwiebert Sustainability Leadership Award in April 2009. It was created to honor former Mayor Schwiebert for his 20 years of service to Rock Island and for his work in the area of sustainable initiatives. This special award would be given annually to a business, organization, or individual that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the area of green or sustainable initiatives. The first award was presented to Mark Schwiebert.

The actual award was created from a green material as it was developed from a small piece of a steel beam taken from the Armory demolition site. Valley Construction generously provided a 10" x 6" section of beam and also created an attractive wooden base to hold the heavy piece. The award is kept in the City Hall trophy case with a smaller award to be presented to the recipient as a reminder of the acknowledgement.

The 2013 award recipient is KJWW Engineering Consultants. The firm was selected for the following reasons:

- Their early commitment to developing expertise in a wide range of sustainable systems, from biomass conversion to wind turbines
- Designing more than 100 LEED-certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) buildings, resulting in millions of dollars in energy savings per year

Headquartered at 623 26th Avenue in Rock Island, KJWW provides sustainable design nationally and internationally through the expertise of its more than 60 LEED Accredited Professionals and other engineers located in 14 offices in the U.S. and abroad.

Recognized by industry journals as one of Top 100 greenest design firms in the U.S., KJWW has engineered many of the first LEED-certified hospitals and higher education buildings, some of the first LEED Platinum buildings, the largest lake-coupled geothermal system in the country, and three projects approaching net-zero energy.

The ATSC was created in 2006 by former Mayor Mark Schwiebert to work with technology oriented businesses located in Rock Island. The ATSC was developed to:

- Provide networking opportunities for businesses that are developing or are significant users of technology.
- Determine how the City can better support businesses that are technology oriented or have an interest in sustainability concepts, processes, or products.
- Explore technology based enterprise to increase Rock Island's visibility and brand the City as being a tech friendly community.