



## International Erosion Control Association

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### **IECA Announces Winners of 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards of Environmental Excellence**

Steamboat Springs, Colo.—The International Erosion Control Association is proud to announce the winners of the 17<sup>th</sup> annual *Awards of Environmental Excellence*. The awards recognize excellence in technology, research, education and practices as they pertain to the erosion, sediment control and stormwater industries.

#### **Environmental Achievement Award**

J. Warren Faircloth, JW Faircloth & Son, Hillsborough, N.C., for the Faircloth Skimmer, a device which improves sediment basin performance.

#### **Excellence in Technology Award**

Laura Girard, Ayres Associates, Fort Collins, Colo., for her work in developing guidelines for the use of partially grouted riprap to armor the banks of rivers and streams.

#### **Most Distinguished Technical Paper Award**

C. Joel Sprague, PE, TRI/Environmental Inc., Greenville, S.C., for “Slope Erosion Testing — Identifying “Critical” Parameters”.

#### **Sustained Contributor Award**

Paul E. Clopper, PE, Ayres Associates, Fort Collins, Colo.

#### **Contractor of the Year Award**

Alfred T. Nitta, CPESC, Nitta Inc., dba Nitta Erosion Control, Loomis, Calif.

#### **Educational Achievement Award**

Andrew Johnston, CPESC, Jacobs Carter Burgess, Austin, Texas

Winners will receive their awards during formal ceremonies at the annual IECA conference, Environmental Connection, in Orlando, Fla., Feb. 19, 2008.

To be considered for the 2009 Environmental Achievement Award, the Excellence in Technology Award or the Most Distinguished Technical Paper Award, applicants must submit a 400-word abstract by May 5, 2008. For more information visit IECA's web site at <http://www.ieca.org/conference/callpresentations>.

#### **About IECA**

The International Erosion Control Association (IECA) is the world's oldest and largest association devoted entirely to helping members solve the problems caused by erosion and its byproduct – sediment. Founded in 1972, IECA is a non-profit organization that serves as the premier global resource for the prevention and control of erosion. For more information about state-of-the-art educational events and materials, please visit our web site at [www.ieca.org](http://www.ieca.org).

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