NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR POLYURETHANE INNOVATION AWARD
CPI to Recognize Achievements at Annual Technical Conference

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 20, 2011) – The Center for the Polyurethanes Industry (CPI) of the American Chemistry Council today announced the call for entries for its 2011 Polyurethane Innovation Award. The award winner will be announced during the closing session of the Polyurethanes 2011 Technical Conference, which runs from September 26 to 28 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn. Nominations for this year’s award must be received by CPI no later than 5 p.m. EDT on August 12, 2011. Click here for the award rules and entry form.

“CPI’s Polyurethane Innovation Award recognizes the ingenuity and foresight of companies and individuals whose visions and perseverance bring new products, technologies and initiatives to the marketplace,” said Lee Salamone, senior director of CPI. “With this award, CPI promotes the roles that innovation and advancements in technology play in the polyurethane industry.”

Eligibility

Award nominations may include finished products, initiatives, training or education programs, or processes or processing equipment. Entries must represent new ideas, technologies or processes that have not been previously submitted for the Innovation Award or in the marketplace longer than 12 months prior to this year’s submission deadline. All eligible submissions will be evaluated by a panel of judges comprised of experts representing technical disciplines and the polyurethane supply chain.

Award Notification

Finalists will be notified by August 22 and will receive one complimentary full registration to the Polyurethanes 2011 Technical Conference. During the opening session of the conference, finalists will give a three-minute presentation on their innovation, which will also be featured during the conference poster sessions. In addition, the 2010 Innovation Award winner, BASF’s FilterPave® Porous Pavement System, will be showcased at this year’s conference. The winner of the 2011 Innovation Award will be announced on Wednesday, September 28 during the closing session of the conference.

How to Enter
Companies or individuals interested in entering the award program must submit an application no later than 5 p.m. EDT on August 12, 2011. Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered. Details on the award, including an entry form, can be found at this link: http://polyurethane.org/s_api/sec.asp?CID=856&DID=3492.

Registration for the Polyurethanes 2011 Technical Conference is now open. For more information on the conference, including the conference program and sponsorship opportunities, or to register, visit www.americanchemistry.com/polyurethane. Get the latest updates and conference news on LinkedIn and Twitter. Follow @AmChemEvents and use the hashtag #PUtech to join the conversation.

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