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***Winners announced at ABC Annual Conference at BioCycle REFOR18***

Raleigh, NC - Tuesday, at its annual conference, the American Biogas Council announced the winners of the Biogas Industry Awards, presented at a sold out dinner celebration at BIOCYCLE REFOR18. The winners included four biogas systems and one innovation recognized for their contributions to the growth of the U.S. biogas industry. In addition, 16 projects received the ABC's longevity award earned by biogas systems which have been continuously operating for more than five or ten years. New this year, ABC wanted to recognize projects that have helped grow the biogas industry by opening their doors to legislators and visitors for the purpose of education. This year, ABC chose to award 13 projects with ABC's hospitality award.

The award ceremony followed the announcement of 8 projects which made the ABC's shortlist, the finalists for the Biogas Industry Awards--all laudable in their own right.

"Our award this year recognize projects that are great examples for future projects a great new tool for finding nutrient recovery technologies and a champion for the biogas industry," remarked, ABC Executive Director, Patrick Serfass. "We are so proud to be awarding these shining stars of the industry."

Biogas systems turn organic material into soil amendments and gaseous fuel by using anaerobic digestion, a natural, biological process in a sealed tank. There are more than 2,200 operational biogas systems in the U.S. today with the potential for over 13,500 new systems to be built.

## WINNERS

### 1. Projects of the Year

#### Agriculture - Optima KV

Optima KV is bestowed the distinction of the American Biogas Council 2018 Biogas Project of the Year Award for the innovative aggregation of multiple farms and digesters to create economical pipeline quality biogas for purchase by a gas utility.

#### Merchant - Zanesville Energy

Zanesville Energy is bestowed the distinction of the American Biogas Council 2018 Biogas Project of the Year Award for its roles as a testing platform for biogas system innovations and, most recently, for facilitating new, closed loop agricultural production.

#### Municipal - The Warrior Project

The Warrior Project is bestowed the distinction of the American Biogas Council 2018 Biogas Project of the Year Award for its use of diverse feedstocks at a wastewater digester and its unique biogas use --to make methanol for export to Europe.

#### Breakthrough - The CR&R Anaerobic Digestion Facility

The CR&R Anaerobic Digestion Facility is bestowed the distinction of the American Biogas Council 2018 Biogas Project of the Year Award for the breakthrough volumes of food waste and yard waste it processes, its successful connection to the California natural gas grid and its founding role in the Digestate Certification Program.

### 2. Innovation of the Year

#### *DMT – Amp Americas Jasper Dairy Project*

The DMT – Amp Americas Jasper Dairy Project is bestowed the distinction of the American Biogas Council 2018 Innovation of the Year Award for combining two technologies for biogas upgrading that work well independently, but in combination create an order of magnitude improvement in overall efficiency and cost.

### 3. Longevity Awards 5+ Years

- Alliance Dairies
- Buckeye BioGas
- Collinwood BioEnergy
- Edaleen Cow Power
- Four Hills Farm
- Gardeau Crest Farms
- Limelakes Energy
- Storms Hog Energy, LLC
- Synergy Biogas
- Three Creek BioEnergy
- Willet Dairy - Belltow
- WTE - Dairyland
- WTE - Dallmann
- WTE - Deer Run
- WTE - Wakker

### Longevity Awards 10+ Years

- FPE Renewables

#### **4. Hospitality Awards**

- AgriReNew
- Bar-Way Farm
- Blue Line Biogenic CNG Facility
- CR&R Anaerobic Digester Facility
- DC Water 6. East Bay Municipal Utility District
- Edaleen Cow Power
- Mike McCloskey - Fair Oaks Farms
- The City of Gresham Cogen and FOG Receiving Station Expansion Project
- FPE Renewables
- Philadelphia Water Department
- University of Wisconsin Oshkosh- Allen Farm Digester
- University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Foundation - Rosedale Biodigester
- University of Wisconsin Oshkosh - Urban Anaerobic Dry Digester

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### ***About the American Biogas Council***

The American Biogas Council is the only national trade association representing the entire biogas industry in the U.S. The ABC represents over 200 companies in all parts of the biogas supply chain who are dedicated to maximizing the production and use of biogas from organic waste. Find us online at [www.AmericanBiogasCouncil.org](http://www.AmericanBiogasCouncil.org), Twitter [@ambiogascouncil](https://twitter.com/ambiogascouncil), [LinkedIn](#) in the American Biogas Council group and on YouTube [www.youtube.com/GoBiogas](http://www.youtube.com/GoBiogas)