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**TRANSWESTERN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
NAMED BUSINESS RECYCLER OF THE MONTH**

**Transwestern becomes second recipient of Recycle Ann Arbor Award**

**Ann Arbor, MI** – Recycle Ann Arbor, a national leader in recycling and waste programs, announces that commercial real estate and property management company Transwestern has been named the Business Recycler of the Month for September, 2009. The award recognizes outstanding recycling and sustainability efforts on the part of Ann Arbor businesses.

In order to earn the award, businesses must meet the following criteria:

- They must be located in the City of Ann Arbor;
- Be a Recycle Ann Arbor customer;
- Recycle a high percentage of waste, as verified by a waste and recycling audit;
- Have a designated recycling champion; and
- Be involved in several sustainable practices, such as paper, cardboard and container recycling; e-waste recycling; zero waste efforts; and special materials recycling (i.e. batteries, Styrofoam).

Transwestern is a national commercial real estate firm which manages the buildings located at 777 and 789 East Eisenhower Parkway in Ann Arbor. The buildings are owned by Transwestern's sister company, Transwestern Investment Company, and house 18 national and international tenant companies.

Transwestern earned the Business Recycler of the Month Award in part by diverting approximately 570,750 pounds of paper and cardboard, and 28,300 pounds of containers from going to landfills between January, 2008 and August, 2009.

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Transwestern's recycling initiatives go beyond the usual paper and container recycling. Transwestern also recycles Styrofoam, compact fluorescent light bulbs, construction debris, and electronics such as computer and cell phones, at Recycle Ann Arbor's Drop-Off Station. An electronics recycling event was held in the past year to encourage employees throughout the building to recycle their electronics brought in from home.

Janeen Baird, Transwestern's senior property manager in Ann Arbor, is quick to point out that recycling is only one of the company's numerous green initiatives. For example, the 777 building received the EPA Energy Star Gold Certification in 2007 and 2008, and Transwestern is currently working on getting Energy Star Certification for the 789 building.

"Because of our multi-faceted environmental programs here at the Ann Arbor Transwestern office, we have become the go-to consultant for other Transwestern offices not only in the U.S., but for multiple international locations," said Baird. "We have become the 'Green Guru Ambassadors' for the entire Transwestern organization."

Founded in 1977, Recycle Ann Arbor is a leader in the recycling industry, offering easy and convenient recycling for the home and workplace. As a private nonprofit organization, Recycle Ann Arbor is dedicated to providing education and innovative services in the collection, processing and distribution of recyclable materials.

Recycle Ann Arbor started Michigan's first curbside recycling program in 1978, and currently operates the state's largest community drop-off center, The ReUse Center, the Environmental House green building resource center, the Ann Arbor curbside recycling program, and Calvert's Roll-Off Containers.

For more information about Recycle Ann Arbor, please call (734) 662-6288 or visit Recycle Ann Arbor on the Web at: [www.recycleannarbor.org](http://www.recycleannarbor.org).

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**PHOTO CAPTION: Transwestern Senior Property Manager Janeen Baird engineered the diversion of 570,750 pounds of paper and cardboard from being landfilled from January, 2008 to August, 2009.**