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Leggett and Platt High Point Furniture

Honored with The Outstanding Business/Industry Recycling Program Award by the Carolina Recycling Association

Leggett and Platt high Point Furniture was honored with the Outstanding Business/Industry Recycling Program Award by the Carolina Recycling Association during its annual conference and trade show on April 2nd in Asheville, NC.

The Outstanding Business/Industry Recycling Program Award recognizes a business that has implemented an outstanding waste reduction/recycling program within its organization and as a part of its business.

Leggett and Platt High Point Furniture manufactures a wide variety of steel springs for upholstered furniture, assembles sofa sleeper and recliner mechanisms, and resells component parts used in the furniture and bedding industries. The facility decided to implement an environmental management system in 2009, and chose the EFEC (Enhancing Furniture’s Environmental Culture) program administered by the American Home Furnishings Alliance. They passed their certification audit and were registered in March of 2010. Since then, sales have grown 41%, and yet they have reduced their landfill usage by 78%, new pallet purchases by 85%, natural gas usage by 16% and electricity usage by 6%. They have recently challenged themselves to become landfill-free by the end of 2014.

In 2009, the facility sent 41 tons of material to a landfill. In 2013, this was reduced to 9 tons, a 78% reduction.

The Carolina Recycling Association is a non-profit organization serving the public and private recycling industry in order to advance waste reduction and recycling in North and South Carolina.

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For more information, please contact the CRA’s Awards Committee:
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A mascot, “Effie” the EFEC frog, was created to be the spokes-frog for the environmental management system at Leggett and Platt High Point Furniture. Effie continues to make periodic appearances on the manufacturing floor to remind employees of our commitment to sustainable practices.