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Bay Area Air District Recognized for Green Business Practices First Government Agency in San Francisco to be Certified as Green Business

San Francisco, Calif.— The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) today announced that it has been awarded certification as a Green Business by the **Bay Area Green Business Program**. **The Air District is the first government entity in San Francisco to achieve this certification.** The Bay Area Green Business Program is a partnership of environmental agencies that assists, recognizes and promotes local businesses that volunteer to operate in a more environmentally responsible way. To be certified as a Green Business, a participant must be in compliance with all regulations and meet program standards for conserving resources, preventing pollution and minimizing waste.

“The Bay Area Air District is proud to be recognized as a Green Business. This certification demonstrates our commitment to incorporating environmentally sound business practices into our daily routine,” said Air District Executive Officer Jack P. Broadbent. “It shows that it is possible to conduct business while maintaining the health and well-being of your employees and the community at the same time.”

While the Air District’s Green Business certification is a first for San Francisco government agencies, it is not the first time the Air District has been recognized for its environmental contributions. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Transportation named the Air District one of the Best Workplaces for Commuters, due to the generous transit benefit the Air District offers its employees. The Air District was also an early adopter of clean-air vehicles, adding electric cars and other alternative fuel vehicles to its fleet in the 1990s.

The City of San Francisco Department of the Environment presented the certification to the Air District Board during their May 16, 2007, meeting at Air District headquarters, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.

For more information about Green-certified businesses in San Francisco visit the San Francisco Green Business Program at <http://sfenvironment.com/greenbiz/>

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the Bay Area.

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