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## LINCOLN & LANCASTER COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The Lincoln and Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 3, at the Nebraska Champions Club. The awards ceremony will recognize businesses, organizations and individuals who have demonstrated environmental leadership in sustaining and improving air, land, and water quality and protecting public health.

The 2010 Lincoln-Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Award Recipients are:

- **Business and Industry** - Sadoff Iron and Metal Company and Servant Cab Company, LLC
- **Agriculture** - Community CROPS
- **Non-Profit Organization** - Nebraska State Education Association
- **Government** - UNL Whittier Junior High School Renovations
- **Education** - Harry A. Heafer and Healthy Families Play Outside
- **Individual Citizen** - Jeanne Pashalek

This year's ceremony will include a keynote address by Karl Brooks, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 Administrator selected by President Obama in February. Dr. Brooks most recently was a professor of Environmental Studies and History at the University of Kansas, and holds degrees from the University of Kansas, Harvard Law School, the London School of Economics, and Yale. Dr. Brooks practiced law for ten years in Idaho and served three terms in the Idaho Senate. Mayor of Lincoln Chris Beutler and Lancaster County Board Commissioner Deb Schorr will also be providing opening and closing comments. Community

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leaders will provide a presentation highlighting the accomplishments of each of the award recipients.

To be eligible for an award, winners must have been instrumental in identifying, reducing, or solving an environmental problem or promoting public awareness and concern for the enhancement and protection of the environment. Additionally, winners must have demonstrated active stewardship in one or more of the following environmental practices: pollution prevention/risk reduction, waste reduction and recycling, water conservation, soil conservation, energy conservation, and residential and commercial development.

The Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> Environmental Leadership Awards Luncheon will begin at noon and conclude at 1:30 P.M. Pre-paid reservations of \$15 per person are due by Wednesday, May 26. Obtain a reservation form at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) keyword: awards or by calling 441-8023.

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