

# Save the Planet. Save Money. Get Certified



## Beyond the Office Eek-o-friendly treats



Instead of individually wrapped candy bars, give out healthier more "eek-o-friendly" treat options this Halloween, such as:

- Organic juice boxes or pouches from Honest Kids
- Organic apple sauce snack packs
- Real-fruit strips and rolls from Stretch Island Fruit
- Whole food bars such as LARABAR minis
- Bare Fruit trial size packs - 100% honey sticks –
- Crunchy Munchies (individually wrapped pumpkin seed treats)

## Choose to Reuse

Bring your own reusable coffee mug to the office. Americans use more than fourteen billion paper cups every year, enough to circle the world fifty-five times. Styrofoam cups will stay on the planet for nine generations.

*Replacing disposables with permanent ware (mugs, dishes, silverware, etc.) in your break room helps your business meet one of the required measures under the Waste Reduction petal.*

[Waste Reduction Requirements](#)

### **Premier Tooling & Manufacturing is Petal Certified**

Premier Tooling & Manufacturing has completed all of the certification criteria and is now a Petal Certified business. Premier is the first manufacturing facility and fifth business (following Finley Hospital, Loras College, DB&T, and Premier Bank) to achieve all requirements and become fully certified.

Premier Tooling has incorporated a number of green practices into its operations and facility management. Through revised practices, 375 gallons of water per week is being recycled. Premier also has found purchasers for almost all of its byproducts.

To celebrate this accomplishment, Premier Tooling will host an internal green ribbon cutting October 23rd.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Premier Tooling's achievement.

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### **The Petal Project Receives Excellence in Economic Development Award**

East Central Intergovernmental Association received a Gold Excellence in Economic Development Award for their Petal Project in the category of Sustainable & Green Development for communities with populations 25,000 - 200,000 from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). The honor was presented at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, October 2, during the IEDC Annual Conference, which was held September 30 – October 3 in Houston, Texas.

"We recognize East Central Intergovernmental Association for creating innovative and successful strategies to promote economic development in this period of global recovery," said Jay Moon, IEDC chair. "Our awards honor organizations and individuals for their efforts in creating positive change in communities. East Central Intergovernmental Association demonstrates that they are at the forefront of the economic development profession and are using cutting-edge, effective practices that can be replicated in other communities."

IEDC's Excellence in Economic Development Awards recognize the world's best economic development programs and partnerships, marketing materials, and the year's most influential leaders. These awards honor organizations and individuals for their efforts in creating positive change in urban, suburban, and rural communities.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

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### **Energy Summit 2012**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Iowa Energy Summit will be held November 7-8, 2012 in Des Moines, Iowa. Consultants, engineers, architects, energy educators, facility managers, officials, and others will find seminar topics of interest such as *Driving Corporate Energy Efficiency, Iowa Energy Code, Building Energy Benchmarking Project, Energy Reduction and Production Strategies* and more. For detailed information and to register, visit the Iowa Association for Energy Efficiency website at:

[www.iowaenergy.org](http://www.iowaenergy.org).

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