



**Society of Women Environmental Professionals  
of Greater Philadelphia**

**2013 TOUCHSTONE AWARD NOMINATION CRITERIA  
AND  
NOMINATION FORM**

The word “touchstone” is a term of art used by gemologists to test the purity of gold and silver. In the vernacular, a “touchstone” is a test or criterion for determining the quality or genuineness of an object. The Society of Women Environmental Professionals of Greater Philadelphia (“SWEP”) has named its annual achievement award, the “Touchstone Award”, to emphasize that its recipient has made a significant contribution to one of many environmental fields and is, thus, a woman whose achievements can serve as a benchmark, or touchstone, to which others may aspire. The intent of the award is to recognize a woman who has contributed to an environmental field of practice, including government, private industry, and non-profit sectors, and whose contributions reflect the following mission statement of SWEP:

- To encourage and promote the leadership, achievement, and professional development of women in the environmental professions;
  - To provide an informal setting for women in the environmental professions to meet, share substantive information and work experiences, and to establish a communications exchange;
  - To educate members on new developments and current trends in the environmental field;
  - To encourage and promote the development of business relationships; and
  - To encourage and promote public service in the environmental field.
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- A complete list of prior award recipients may be found on SWEP’s website, [www.swepweb.com](http://www.swepweb.com). Some of the past recipients include June MacArtor, Esquire, former deputy director of the Division of Air and Waste Management; Sue Boyle, senior practice leader for GEI Consultants; Joanne Dahme, Watershed Program Manager, Office of Watersheds, Philadelphia Water Department; Marilyn Hewitt, P.G., Senior Hydrogeologist, Roux Associates; Kathy Klein, executive director of the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary; Carol A. Febbo, Air Protection Division, EPA Region 3; Marian R. Young, President, Brightfields, Inc.

The SWEP Touchstone Award consists of a pin/pendant highlight a lace agate. It is presented in a box that is engraved with the winner’s name and the year of the award. A reception is also held to recognize the award recipient. We anticipate this reception taking place November 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> and honoree is given about 15-minutes to speak.

**NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS**

The SWEP Touchstone Award recognizes and honors outstanding women who have made or are making a significant contribution to an environmental field. Nominees for this award should be women who set a standard for quality and excellence in their chosen environmental field. In addition, nominees should be distinguished by their professional commitment, leadership and achievement. We encourage nomination of distinguished women professionals from all areas of practice, including government, private industry and non-profit sectors, including scientists, lawyers, educators, directors, or any other pursuit that involves some aspect of the environment.



Nominees do not need to be members of SWEP to be considered for the Touchstone Award. However, nominees should possess the following minimum criteria:

- Is a woman;
- Is a resident of the Greater Philadelphia area (Philadelphia and its surrounding suburbs);
- Has made active, special contributions to her chosen environmental field through knowledge, action and personal time commitment, including community service and mentoring of others;
- Has engaged in community activities outside of her job responsibilities that have contributed to setting her apart from her colleagues.

The following individuals are not eligible for nomination:

- Members currently holding elected SWEP office;
- Past Touchstone Award recipients;
- Individuals whose nominations are received after the deadline for submitting nominations.
- Individuals for whom a nomination is submitted with a written description that exceeds the two-page page limit.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to revise the eligibility qualifications for all nominees, to seek additional information regarding individual nominee as it deems appropriate, and to grant more than one award where the field of nominees is so qualified that multiple awards are warranted.

#### **NOMINATING PROCEDURE:**

To nominate an individual for the Touchstone Award, complete the nomination form and return by mail, or email by **September 1, 2013** to:

**SWEP of Greater Philadelphia**

c/o Stephanie Everett-Johnson  
319 Parker Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19128

Email: [stephanie.everettjohnson@exeloncorp.com](mailto:stephanie.everettjohnson@exeloncorp.com)

Please direct inquiries to: Stephanie Everett-Johnson at 267-688-8557 or the email listed above.

*All nominations must be emailed or postmarked on or before September 1, 2013. Nominations that are received after this date and nominations that exceed the maximum page limit will not be considered.*



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***Nominations must be received by September 1, 2013.***

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly describe on a separate page how this nominee satisfies the Award criteria and why this nominee should receive the 2013 Touchstone Award. Please limit your description to no more than two pages. Please also attach a resume or curriculum vitae (if available) to your two-page description. Nominations that include descriptions that exceed two pages will not be considered. The Board of Directors reserves the right to seek additional information should it need to do so.

**Please submit a curriculum vitae or biographical summary** (if available) for the nominee with this form.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of SWEP (not required)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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How do you know the nominee:

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