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Recycling Conference Scheduled for October

The Oklahoma Recycling Association (OKRA) is hosting a conference and expo on Thursday, October 9 at the University of Central Oklahoma's (UCO) Nigh Center in Edmond. The conference theme is "Increasing Diversion: Events, Offices, Rural Areas".

Local government officials, recycling professionals, community and business leaders, educators, students and Oklahoma residents interested in the business of recycling or expanding local programs are encouraged to attend.

The conference's keynote speaker, Mark Lichtenstein, president of the National Recycling Association, will discuss next generation thinking on establishing national diversion rates for recovering resources from waste. Other topics include Cooperative Infrastructure & Marketing for Rural Recycling, State Agency Recycling & Data Collection, Office Recycling, Commercial-Scale Composting, Event Recycling, Bin Loan Programs, Food Waste Recovery, 50 Shades of Green and more.

In addition to the discussion sessions, two concurrent excursions will be offered: a tour of UCO's campus recycling program and a tour at Minick Materials of their commercial-scale composting operation.

Registration is \$60 if signed up by October 3, 2014, or \$75 thereafter. OKRA members receive a \$20 discount. Students pay \$15. Participants can register by visiting www.recycleok.org/events-activities.php

This event is sponsored by UCO, the Oklahoma Department of Environment Quality, Oklahoma State University, Batliner Recycling, Republic Services, Choctaw Nation, City of Stillwater, Covanta Energy, Keep Oklahoma Beautiful, OGE Energy Corp., SWANA Indian Nations Chapter, Ardmore Beautification Council, and Natural Evolution, Inc.

Up to six continuing education credits will be offered to members of SWANA who attend the conference. For more information, contact info@recycleok.org.

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