Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment - Division of Environmental Quality NStEP Program: ECCI Named Silver Member

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The Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment - Division of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") announced in a June 9th news release that Engineering, Compliance, Construction, Inc. ("ECCI") has been named its first Natural State Environmental Program ("NStEP") Silver member.

DEQ has previously described the NStEP program as a:

. . . voluntary environmental stewardship program that recognizes and rewards organizations for their commitment to environmental leadership.

The NStEP program was created by Arkansas Act 850 by the Arkansas General Assembly.

The program provides incentives for organizations that undertake one to three environmental improvement projects. Organizations with a minimum of 20 full-time employees are eligible to participate.

NStEP has four membership levels:

- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold
- Platinum

If a member organization commits to complete one to three environmental projects (depending on the membership level), DEQ provides recognition. The recognition is described as the use of the NStEP logo on the website and documents, etc. Various regulatory incentives are also provided.

DEQ's news release quotes DEQ Chief Administrator Julie Linck as stating:

We are proud to grow the ranks of NStEP by adding a leader in the environmental field in ECCI. . . We believe ECCI brings a unique element to NStEP as our first Silver member. We hope to see entities of all sizes join our program.

ECCI is described as being founded in 1993 and employing twenty-one engineers and environmental scientists. It is stated to work with entities to meet environmental challenges head-on with creative solutions that promote sustainability.

A copy of the news release can be downloaded here.