

## **Pima County Receives Corporate Award for Innovation in Sustainability**

The APICS Association for Operations Management is the global leader and premier source of the body of knowledge in operations management which includes production, inventory, supply chain, materials management, purchasing and logistics. The professional organization is comprised of more than 45,000 international members. They are dedicated to responsibly advancing the productivity and prosperity of the global supply chain.

In 2007, the Pima County Board of Supervisors adopted Sustainable Community resolution 2007-84 setting comprehensive operational standards and objectives that enhance the sustainability of our community. In support of that resolution the Pima County Procurement Department collaborated with Corporate Express(Staples) to implement an internet ordering website and reporting process to encourage responsible staff purchasing behaviors by identifying and promoting the use of eco-friendly and lower cost products. Actual results are reported to senior management for appropriate improvement actions each quarter. Staples is also measured and tasked to continuously improve the amount of eco-friendly items offered.

In 2008, APICS added the Innovation in Sustainability category to their annual corporate awards to recognize the development of practices and systems that promote sustainability and awarded Pima County the first Corporate Award for their efforts to implement a comprehensive sustainable community policy and for their use of technology to promote achievement of the objectives defined by the Sustainability Resolution.

More information regarding APICS and their Corporate Awards can be found at their internet website: [www.apics.org](http://www.apics.org)

Pima County's Sustainable Community Resolution and action plan is posted at their internet website: [Sustainability Programs Division](#)