

## **Vetrazzo, LLC, Makers of the Original Recycled Glass Surface, Win EPA Award**

*Over 200 Nominees Vie for Recognition*

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San Francisco, CA ([Vocus/PRWEB](#)) April 17, 2009 -- The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) honored [Vetrazzo](#), LLC today during the 11th annual Environmental Awards Ceremony for their effort to protect and preserve the environment. Vetrazzo, chosen from over 200 nominees, manufactures [recycled glass surfacing](#) that is used as a sustainable alternative to granite and other quarried stone for countertops, tabletops and more.

### **Vetrazzo Bistro Green**

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The Region 9 Environmental Awards program acknowledges commitment to the environment and significant contributions made by businesses, local, government officials, tribes, media, environmental organizations and individuals. Forty groups and individuals were selected from over 200 nominees received this year from Region 9, which includes California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, Pacific Islands and tribal lands.

"Being recognized by the U.S. EPA is a tremendous honor for us," states [James Sheppard](#), CEO and Co-Founder of Vetrazzo, LLC. "Our product creates a focal point for green building by boldly and visually demonstrating the value of recycling. When an average kitchen counter can contain as many as [1,000 bottles](#), the impact of using a sustainable surfacing material is undeniable. It gets people talking."

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organizations and individuals, and the example they set for all of us to follow," said Laura Yoshii, the U.S. EPA's acting administrator for the Pacific Southwest region. "This year's winners and nominees have made superb efforts to protect and preserve our air, water and land, and increased awareness of the environmental challenges we all face."

#### About Vetrazzo

Vetrazzo, LLC transforms recycled glass into artful surfaces for home and commercial applications including countertops, tabletops and vanities. Glass sources include bottles from curbside recycling programs as well as waste from glass manufacturers and building demolition. Vetrazzo® is the original recycled glass surface. Invented and first produced in 1996, Vetrazzo enables customers to showcase their individual sense of style and respect for the environment. Vetrazzo surfaces use only 100% recycled glass, in a patent-pending, resin-free formulation, and are fabricated using standard stone equipment. Vetrazzo, LLC, a certified green business, manufactures in Richmond, California. Vetrazzo is available in North America through a network of authorized kitchen and bath dealers. For more information, visit [www.vetrazzo.com](http://www.vetrazzo.com).