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California Council for Excellence Recognizes 2012 CTEA Award Recipients

ESCONDIDO, Calif. (Feb. 5, 2013)– The California Council for Excellence (CCE) today recognized the 2012 recipients of the California Team Excellence (CTEA)[™] Gold Nugget and Gold Rush Awards at the California Council for Excellence (CCE) at its 19th Annual Awards Conference.

Administered by CCE, the CTEA program recognizes project-based teams within California organizations. These teams are evaluated on their ability to improve performance, save money and further the goals of their organization, using quality tools and processes from American Society for Quality (ASQ) International Team Excellence Award (ITEA) Criteria.

Over the years, these levels of recognition have been achieved by diverse California organizations that represent leading practices and performance in business, education, healthcare, non-profit and the military. The 2012 recipients continue that tradition of excellence. The Gold Nugget recipient is Baxter BioScience, Los Angeles, for The Buminate Cycle Time Improvement Project I. They will represent California this May in the International Team Excellence Awards competition at ASQ 2013 World Conference in Indianapolis, Ind.

CCE also recognized three Gold Rush Award recipients from Kaiser Permanente Riverside Medical Center. They are: Stroke Program; Advanced Management of Inpatient Diabetes Care Team; and Environmental Services Team.

“The CTEA Council and Team Judges are proud of the 2012 teams and their organizations,” said Vern Goodwalt, Chair of the CTEA[™] Council. “They have engaged their employees to improve processes and solve problems in a team-based approach using Lean Methodology and quality tools.”

The 2012 award recipients were formally honored at CCE’s 19th annual Best Practices and Awards Conference, Celebrating Excellence 2013, at the Irvine Marriot on Feb. 4 and 5. CTEA Gold Nugget Awards were presented to these winners during a dinner on Monday, Feb. 4. CTEA Gold Rush recipients were recognized during the awards luncheon Tuesday, Feb. 5. Community members who attended learned about award recipients’ innovations and best practices at conference workshops. Other conference speakers this year included Alexandra Valentin, corporate director of Culture Transformation from the Ritz-Carlton Leadership Center; Harry Hertz, director of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program; and Stephen Hacker, chief executive officer of the Transformational Systems International, LLC.

More information about CCE and the conference is available at
<http://www.calexcellence.org/>

About the California Council for Excellence Founded in 1992, the California Council for Excellence is a nonprofit educational foundation dedicated to helping California-based organizations achieve world-class results through the principles and criteria of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program. CCE also administers the annual California Team Excellence Awards (CTEA) program, which recognizes process management, innovation and problem-solving skills through organized work teams