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10 CALIFORNIA ORGANIZATIONS RECOGNIZED FOR INNOVATION, WORLD-CLASS SERVICE, AND PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE

(Los Angeles, January 28, 2009) Leading California's economic vitality, 10 organizations are recognized for their performance excellence by the California Awards for Performance Excellence (CAPE). The California Council for Excellence (CCE), which administers the CAPE, named its 2008 Award recipients today. These leading organizations represent business, education, healthcare, non-profit, and military.

The top Gold-level recipient is: Feather River Hospital located in Paradise, CA.

CAPE Silver-level award recipients are: Children's Hospital of Orange County, Orange; Kisco Senior Living, San Diego; Pioneer Electronic Services, Inc., Long Beach; White Memorial Medical Center, Los Angeles; and San Jose Unified School District, San Jose.

CAPE also recognized four Bronze-level award recipients including: Adventist Health Central California Network, Hanford; City of Los Angeles Community Development Department Economic and Workforce Development System, Los Angeles; Sutter Davis Hospital, Davis; and Stellar Solutions, Inc., Palo Alto.

One organization received the California Prospector Award which is the CAPE Level Two Award: Worknet of Merced County, Merced.

The award program, which emulates the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Program, recognizes organizations that demonstrate superior performance in seven key business areas including leadership; strategic planning, customer and market focus, measurement and knowledge management, human resources, process management and business results. MaryAnn Pranke, Chair of the CAPE Award stated "We use the same criteria for evaluating organizations as the national program. The rigorous Baldrige Criteria are recognized internationally as the hallmark for performance excellence and allow us to select award winners to serve as role models for all California organizations. To recognize ten organizations that have achieved levels of excellence during these challenging economic times, demonstrates the strength of our great State."

CAPE also oversees the Governor's Awards for Excellence and the United States Senate Productivity Awards. The CAPE Award recipients will be honored at the 15th Annual Conference & Awards Ceremony to be held on Friday, April 17, 2009, at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel in Los Angeles. Ms. Pranke invites interested organizations to contact Melissa Kraft, at cce@calexcellence.org.

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