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8 CALIFORNIA ORGANIZATIONS RECOGNIZED FOR INNOVATION, WORLD CLASS SERVICE, AND PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE.

(LOS ANGELES, Calif. – January 12, 2011) Leading California's economic vitality, 8 organizations are recognized for their performance excellence by the California Awards for Performance Excellence (CAPE). The California leading organizations represent business, education, healthcare, non-profit, and military.

The top Gold-level award recipients are: Feather River Hospital, Paradise; Good Samaritan Hospital, Los Angeles; Sutter Davis Hospital, Davis; and Tahoe Forest Health System, Truckee.

CAPE Silver-level award recipients are: Adventist Health Central Valley Network, Hanford; Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego; and Stellar Solutions, Inc., Palo Alto.

CAPE also recognized a Bronze-level award recipient: Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles.

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, analysis and knowledge management; workforce focus; process management; and results. Brent Duggleby, Chair of the CAPE Council applauded this year's winners. "The commitment of these organizations to the principles and core elements of the Baldrige criteria is truly inspiring to everyone. Each organization that participates in the process gains and these organizations that are being recognized are exceptional examples of excellence."

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 17th Annual Best Practices and Awards Conference, which will be held on Friday, April 1, 2011, at the Sheraton Hotel and Marina in San Diego, Calif. Mr. Duggleby invites interested organizations to contact Megan O'Keefe, at megan@calexcellence.org.

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