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Bay Area Community Awards

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
Excellence in Business Awards (“Ebbies”)
http://www.sfchamber.com/

The Ebbies were created in 1991 by the Chamber to honor San Francisco businesses for their innovation, to celebrate their vision and publicly appreciate their contributions to the quality of life in the community and for their employees.

Excellence in Business Award
Awarded to a San Francisco-based company, or company with a major presence in the city, that has shown remarkable profitability and stability, and which exemplifies excellent corporate citizenship in giving back to the communities in which it operates and in a corporate culture that enhances the lives of its employees.

Innovation through Technology Award
Awarded to a business that is technology-led and/or that looks to IT to solve problems and increase efficiency. Criteria include the industry the business operates in, what new technology has been implemented and the issue or goal it has addressed and the impact that the technology has had on all aspects of the business and the communities the business serves.

Emerging Growth Award
Awarded to a San Francisco small business or emerging-growth company that has demonstrated a capacity for creativity and innovation, experienced growth and established itself as a leader in its industry.

Build SF Award
Awarded to a bricks-and-mortar project developed in San Francisco that will enhance or is compatible with the Chamber’s interest in economic development, housing, transportation and quality of life.

Small Business Award
Awarded to a small, San Francisco business that exemplifies the diversity of products and services that give San Francisco’s neighborhoods their special flair and/or is an example of the entrepreneurial spirit, and that demonstrates an investment in the city’s future.

Economic Development Award
Awarded to a company or organization that is substantially contributing, or will greatly contribute, to the economic vitality of San Francisco through creating new jobs and opportunities, advancing a new industry or revitalizing a sector or neighborhood of the city.
“Each year the Association of Fundraising Professionals - Golden Gate Chapter and the Northern California Grantmakers mark one day to celebrate the spirit of giving by recognizing exemplars in philanthropy and social change. Awards are presented to individuals and institutions whose giving to the community inspires all of us.”

“The Outstanding Corporate Grantmaker Award appreciates a business that, through their foundation, corporate giving program, or their employees, commits significant financial or in-kind resources to assist organizations in meeting community needs — an entity that is a solid community-minded corporate citizen.”

“To qualify for this award, a corporation or its foundation must demonstrate outstanding commitment through financial and in-kind support and through encouragement and motivation of their employees to take leadership roles through philanthropic and community involvement.

Your summary nomination should address the following:

• Evidence of philanthropic gifts as indicated by financial and in-kind support of projects in the local community, national, or international level
• Description of impact and achievements in philanthropy and/or community involvement
• Evidence of employees’ leadership roles in philanthropy and community involvement
• Evidence of philanthropic support of creative initiatives to meeting the community’s needs“

Selection Process
“A panel of nonprofit, philanthropic, and community leaders from throughout the Bay Area will review all nominations. The Awards Committee will seek additional information and letters of support submitted by nominators for a select number of nominations.”

The Entrepreneurs Foundation
Community Involvement Awards
http://www.efbayarea.org/companies/company-awards.aspx

“The Entrepreneurs Foundation community involvement awards are given annually to participating companies that best represent the mission of the Entrepreneurs Foundation – to enhance the Bay Area by creating a culture of community involvement and philanthropy within entrepreneurial companies.”

COTY (Company of the Year) Award
“The winning company through its activities and partnerships during the previous calendar year clearly demonstrates its commitment through philanthropic and community involvement programs as part of their core business values.”
Impact Award
“The winning company through its continued activities and partnerships demonstrates that their program is sustainable over a period of three years or more. The program has grown in-depth and significance and thus proves that even smaller companies can have lasting impact.”

Venture Capital Award
“Venture capitalists are critical in helping Entrepreneurs Foundation engage with Bay Area companies, each year one firm or venture capitalist is recognized for their exemplary efforts to make the community a critical part of their portfolio companies.”

Rookie Award
“The winning company through its activities and development in its first year with EF has made the most strides towards educating their employee base and taking action towards making their commitment felt in the community.”

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San Francisco Business Times
Corporate Philanthropy Awards
http://sanfrancisco.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/event/4590

Innovator of the Year Award
“The award, which was created... in 2004, recognizes companies that are addressing complex social issues or needs affecting the Bay Area by leveraging corporate resources in new and unique ways. It also strives to evaluate how the company has partnered with community organizations and its key constituents – customers, stakeholders and employees – to develop its corporate philanthropy solution.”

Top Corporate Philanthropic Givers to the San Francisco Bay Area Community

Corporate Philanthropy Education Partner of the Year

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National Volunteer Week gives us a chance each year to acknowledge the huge impact volunteers have in our communities, a week to shine the spotlight on all that they do to improve our world. To celebrate, we give the community a chance to nominate amazing individuals, nonprofits and corporations whose commitment to the community is outstanding. The winners of the Volunteer Awards were honored at our annual Hats Off! Celebration at the close of a week of outreach to the community to encourage and inspire volunteerism.

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United Way of the Bay Area
Spirit of the Bay Award
http://www.uwba.org/community_impact_awards/

United Way of the Bay Area honors one corporation per year with its highest philanthropic award, Spirit of the Bay. “This prestigious award is presented to a single Bay Area business each year that exceeds all others in community involvement.”

Community Impact Awards

In addition to the Spirit of the Bay award, United Way also recognizes other corporations in specific categories of United Way support, including Gold, Silver, Bronze, Anchor, Unique Partnerships and Community Collaboration.

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Individual Awards

Carnegie Corporation of New York
Carnegie Medals of Philanthropy
http://www.carnegie.org/sub/awardees/index.html

“The Andrew Carnegie Medals of Philanthropy were inaugurated on December 10, 2001 by more than 20 of the Carnegie institutions that he established during his lifetime all over the world.

This award, created at the centennial observance of Andrew Carnegie’s official career as a philanthropist, will be given every two years to one or more individuals who, like Andrew
Carnegie, have dedicated their private wealth to public good and who have a sustained an impressive career as a philanthropist.

The Criteria:
- A vision of philanthropy that reflects the ideals and breadth of the man it celebrates
- The work of the philanthropist has a sustainable track record
- The impact his or her philanthropy has had on a field, the nation or internationally

The Award Process:
Twenty-two institutions begun by Andrew Carnegie during his lifetime and which continue with the work he had the vision to endow have the responsibility for judging awardees and honoring those chosen for the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy. Nominations are made by the Carnegie family of institutions. The three members of the steering committee who organized the Centennial celebration and who launched the medal are permanent members of the selection committee—Carnegie Corporation of New York, Carnegie Institute of Washington and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Two of the other 22 institutions will rotate each year.”

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Jefferson Awards for Public Service
http://www.jeffersonawards.org

“In 1972, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Senator Robert Taft, Jr. and Sam Beard founded the American Institute for Public Service, a 501(c)3 public foundations, to establish a Nobel Prize for public and community service – The Jefferson Awards.”

“Since 1973, the Jefferson Awards have been presented in five categories. The categories were created by the Board to reflect the full range of service to America – from top elected officials to neighborhood volunteers.”

Greatest Public Service Benefiting the Disadvantaged

Samuel S. Beard Award Greatest Public Service By An Individual 35 Years or Under

U.S. Senator John Heinz Award Greatest Public Service by an Elected or Appointed Official

S. Roger Horchow Award Greatest Public Service by a Private Citizen

Outstanding Public Service Benefiting Local Communities

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Points of Light Institute
Daily Points of Light
http://www.pointsoflight.org/awards/dpol/

"The Daily Point of Light Award honors individuals and volunteer groups that have made a commitment to connect Americans through service to help meet critical needs in their communities. It focuses on the goals for children and youth set by the President's Summit for America's Future. Each weekday, one volunteer or volunteer effort in the country receives a Daily Point of Light Award.

Nominations for the Daily Point of Light Award are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. Judging is conducted quarterly."

Fill out the following Nomination form located at http://www.pointsoflight.org/awards/dpol/nominate.cfm

Mail the completed form to:
Awards
Recognition Department
Points of Light Institute
1400 I Street, NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20005

State & National Community Awards

Excellence in Education Award
http://boxer.senate.gov/issues/edu_award.cfm

Senator Boxer established this award to recognize teachers, parents, businesses and organizations that are working to make positive changes in education. Since 1997 Senator Boxer has presented the Excellence in Education Award to 38 recipients.

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U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Corporate Citizenship Awards
http://www.uschamber.com/bclc/awards/default

“The Corporate Citizenship Awards program showcases businesses, trade associations, and chambers of commerce and their partners who have demonstrated ethical leadership and corporate stewardship, and made a difference in their communities and to society.”

Corporate Stewardship Awards
“These awards honor companies that exemplify the highest ideals of corporate stewardship through their values, strategies, and operational practices. Companies are recognized for their ability to integrate economic performance with a sustained contribution to economic, community, and social progress. The Corporate Stewardship Awards will be presented in two categories:

- Small/Midsize (less than $1 billion in revenues)
- Large Business (more than $1 billion in revenues)"

International Community Service Award
“The International Community Service Award honors a business or American Chamber that has exemplified the ideals of corporate citizenship through a specific community service program outside of the U.S., promoting better corporate-community relations and contributing to the social and economic development of its host country.”

U.S. Community Service Award
“The U.S. Community Service Award honors a business, an accredited local chamber of commerce or trade association for a specific community service program in the U.S. that contributes to better business and society relations.”

The Partnership Award (new award – web-based nominations only)
“The Partnership Award honors a charitable organization and their business partner for their ability to collaborate to address an important social issue. This is a People's Choice award and will be determined by vote on the BCLC Web site.”

The nomination must be submitted by a registered U.S. company, an accredited chamber of commerce, or trade association regarding their partnership with a specific 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. The Award will recognize a nominating business organization and its nonprofit partner.

The Citizenship in Action Award
“This award is presented to a company that has exemplified the highest ideals of corporate citizenship through heroic action. Many case studies of citizenship in action are not publicized, and companies do not expect recognition for their heroic acts. This award seeks to give corporate heroes their due.”

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Committee to Encourage Corporate Philanthropy
Excellence Awards
http://www.corporatephilanthropy.org/excellenceawards/

“Since 2000, CECP's Excellence Awards have been presented annually to companies demonstrating outstanding CEO leadership, dedication to measurement, and innovation in corporate philanthropy. Beginning in 2004, CECP created the Directors Award to recognize a nonprofit organization that distinguished itself by building an effective partnership with a
company in its community. The nonprofit award is accompanied by a $25,000 cash donation made by CECP Directors.”

“… February 27, 2006 was proclaimed the second annual National Corporate Philanthropy Day by President Bush, US Secretary of Commerce Gutierrez, Governor Pataki, and Mayor Bloomberg to recognize and promote the tremendous philanthropic work of corporations in communities around the world.”
United Way of America
Spirit of America® Award Recipient
http://www.liveunited.org/NCL/soa.cfm

“The Spirit of America® Awards program is United Way's highest tribute for corporate community involvement. Spirit of America and Summit Award recipients are judged on detailed criteria in four categories: Employee Community Investment, Corporate Community Investment, Community Leadership and Employee Community Engagement. The Spirit of America winner excels in each of these four categories. Summit Awards are presented to companies that excel in one or more of these areas.”

In addition to the Spirit of America Award, United Way presented Summit Awards to companies that have achieved distinction in specific categories.

“United Way of America is the national organization dedicated to leading the United Way movement in making a measurable impact in every community across America by focusing on the root causes of the most serious problems. The United Way movement includes over 1,300 community-based United Way organizations. Each is independent, separately incorporated, and governed by local volunteers. For more information about United Way of America, please visit www.unitedway.org.”

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U.S. Department of the Interior
National Take Pride in America Award
http://www.takepride.gov/

“Presented annually, the Take Pride in America national awards recognize specific volunteer projects and efforts in a variety of categories. These awards honor those who best maintain and enhance our public lands, including parks, forests, grasslands, reservoirs, wildlife refuges, cultural and historic sites, local playgrounds, and other recreation areas. 2005 marks the third year the National Awards have been given, and the 25 award recipients represent 16 states.”

"The winners that we celebrate today truly demonstrate the mission of Take Pride. They all embraced the spirit of cooperative conservation by working with other organizations and individuals to accomplish a shared goal,” Take Pride in America Executive Director Marti Allbright said. “At Take Pride, we're thrilled to have volunteers of this caliber who embody the
message of stewardship across our shared lands. It's an honor to recognize these individuals for their efforts."
Federal Land Manager Awards
Individual Awards
Youth Award
School Program Awards
Non-Profit Awards
Public/Private Partnership Awards
Corporate Awards
Outstanding Take Pride in America Partner Award
Local Government Award
State Volunteer Program Awards
Federal Volunteer Program Awards
Spirit of Take Pride Award

“Take Pride in America is a national partnership program established by the U.S. Department of the Interior that aims to engage, support and recognize volunteers who work to improve our public lands, including parks, forests, waterways, grasslands, wildlife refuges, cultural and historical sites, local playgrounds and other recreation areas. Reintroduced in 2003 with more than 100 Charter Partners, Take Pride now engages federal, state, and local governments; conservation, youth and recreation groups; and top national corporations and organizations. Together, we protect and enhance the special legacy all Americans share – our public lands that cover more than one in every three acres across the Nation. It’s Your Land, Lend a Hand!”

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Social Venture Network
Innovation Awards

“Our goal is to empower the leaders of emerging enterprises by bringing them into the SVN community where they can connect with successful socially responsible business leaders.”

Innovation Award recipients will each receive SVN Membership, complimentary registration, travel and hotel, and special recognition at SVN’s Fall Conference, mentorship from an accomplished SVN member/mentor and introductions to other successful socially responsible business and nonprofit leaders and investors, prominent recognition on SVN’s website for one year, and prominent recognition by SVN partners.

Application Process and Eligibility:

“To be eligible for the contest, applicants must currently hold positions as C-level executives (CEOs, executive directors, founders, etc.) of businesses or nonprofit organizations implementing an idea that is having a positive social or environmental impact on the business sector. Eligible
applicants will have started implementing their new idea fewer than five years ago. As a guideline, applicants should already have been implementing their idea for at least 6 months so that they are able to demonstrate some impact. Applications that are only in the "business plan” phase will not be considered. The application process includes providing thoughtful answers to several essay questions and presenting relevant metrics describing your enterprise or organization.”

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**Hispanic Business Magazine**
**Top 10 Companies for Philanthropic Giving**

Recognizing the Top 10 Companies for Philanthropic Giving based on their expenditures on philanthropic services that benefit minority groups.

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**Business Ethics – The Magazine of Corporate Responsibility**
**100 Best Corporate Citizens of the Year**

“The best-managed firms today -- in this era when societal expectations of business are rising -- can no longer focus solely on stockholder return. Companies that aim to prosper over the long term also emphasize good jobs for employees, environmental sustainability, healthy community relations, and great products for customers.”

“Seeking to put numerical ratings on service to these various stakeholder groups, the 100 Best Corporate Citizens list uses data provided by KLD Research & Analytics of Boston. It employs statistical analysis to identify those major public U.S. companies that excel at serving a variety of stakeholders well....”

“The universe of firms for the list encompasses U.S. firms in the Russell 1000, the S&P 500, and the Domini 400 Social Index. These firms are ranked on performance in eight stakeholder categories: shareholders, community, governance, diversity, employees, environment, human rights, and product. Social scores use KLD's assessment of "strengths" and "concerns"
demonstrated in each category. The shareholder score is based on three-year average total return (stock appreciation plus dividends) through 2005.”

“There is no application for the 100 Best Corporate Citizens list. Data in KLD's SOCRATEStm is derived from multiple sources and is not dependent on corporate self-reporting. Public U.S. companies are encouraged, however, to update their social profile with KLD -- to ensure social data is current and complete.” For more information, visit: http://www.business-ethics.com/

Fortune Magazine
America's Most Admired Companies

For the 20 most admired companies overall, FORTUNE's survey asked businesspeople to vote for the companies that they admired most, from any industry.

The Most Admired list is the definitive report card on corporate reputations. Our survey partners at Hay Group started with the FORTUNE 1,000 -- the 1,000 largest U.S. companies ranked by revenue -- and the top foreign companies operating in the U.S. They sorted the companies by industry and selected the ten largest companies in each.

The Software & Information Industry Association
Excellence in Giving Award
http://www.siia.net/codies/2008/

“Presented by the Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA), the Codie Awards celebrate achievement and vision in software, education technology and digital content. For 21 years, SIIA Codie Awards have remained the leading honor for the software and information industry's finest products and services. Each year, Codie Awards judges work to identify the 'best-of-the-best' from hundreds of nominees.”

Excellence in Giving Award
Recognizes software and information companies' philanthropic commitment to communities as demonstrated by their product giving programs.”

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Points of Light Institute
Awards for Excellence in Workplace Volunteer Programs
http://www.pointsoflight.org/awards/workplace/
“The Awards for Excellence are designed to honor a business’ overall employee/retiree volunteer effort, including the actual community service projects and the program policies and corporate vision that support those volunteer activities. We invite your participation in nominating businesses that have exceptional workplace volunteer programs — self-nomination is permissible.”

“The following award categories are available for the Awards for Excellence in Workplace Volunteer Programs.”

- General — Award for companies with an employee volunteer program of more than three years.
- Fast Start — A special award for a company with an employee volunteer program of three years duration or less.
- Past Recipients — Award for past award recipients that received the award more than five years ago.
- Note: Receipt of other national awards will not disqualify a company in the judging process.

Eligibility
“Any small, medium, large or international business that has an established and company-supported employee/retiree volunteer program directed toward addressing the community’s serious social problems is eligible.

- A business can be a private or public organization.
- Employee volunteer programs must be organization-wide and reflective of activities serving all employees, not just those in one office location.
- Branches and/or divisions of a company/business are not eligible. Business headquarters must complete this nomination form.
- Approximately four awards will be presented to the most outstanding employee volunteer programs. Based upon the nominations received each year, companies are categorized by similar scope and size and judged accordingly.
- CEOs or presidents of all award-winning businesses are expected to participate in a Business Leadership Forum held in conjunction with the annual awards event.
- A planned, managed effort that seeks to motivate and enable employees to volunteer effectively under the sponsorship and leadership of the employer.”

Selection Process
“Nominations are judged by an independent committee of leaders of trade organizations, major businesses and national nonprofit organizations committed to workplace volunteering and community involvement. “

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Points of Light Institute  
George Bush Corporate Leadership Award  
http://www.pointsoflight.org/awards/gba/

“In 2000, the Points of Light Foundation created the George Bush Corporate Leadership Award to honor a corporate leader who supports the involvement of his or her company's employees as volunteers and demonstrates the important of service through personal example.

Honors a corporate leader who supports the involvement of his or her company's employees as volunteers and demonstrates the important of service through personal example. This Award is traditionally presented at the annual Awards for Excellence in Workplace Volunteer Programs event.”

The Lenore and George W. Romney Citizen Volunteer Award  
http://www.pointsoflight.org/awards/awards.cfm#ehrlich

“The Lenore and George W. Romney Citizen Volunteer Award honors distinguished Americans who have built and sustained a lifetime of volunteerism and citizenship. The Lenore and George W. Romney Citizen Volunteer Award was established in 1987 and presented to Governor Romney that year. The award is given by the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network to those distinguished Americans who have demonstrated the same spirit of volunteering and citizenship that characterized the lives of the late Lenore and George Romney. Mrs. Romney served as chair of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and was named Church Woman of the Year. George Romney was one of the few modern Americans who distinguished himself in all three sectors of society - in business, in government and as a volunteer.”

The Ron Brown Corporate Leadership Award  
http://www.ron-brown-award.org/about.cfm

“This annual presidential award is presented to companies that have demonstrated a deep commitment to initiatives that empower employees and communities while advancing strategic business interests. It brings a new level of distinction and visibility to the country's best corporate citizens.”