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Acterra Announces Bay Area Winners for its 2019 Business Environmental Awards

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PALO ALTO, March 18, 2019—Today the environmental organization Acterra announced the eight recipients of the 2019 Acterra Business Environmental Awards (BEA). Over its 29-year history, Acterra’s BEA Program has grown to become one of the San Francisco Bay Area’s most prestigious recognition programs for sustainable business practices. “The Bay Area shines when it comes to the number of green businesses working to ensure a healthy future. We are delighted that our slate of winners shows a real diversity of organizations and industries committed to innovation and high achievement in sustainable operations,” said Hillary Rupert, Acting Director of Acterra’s Business Partnerships for Sustainability Program.

The eight awardees will be honored at the 2019 Acterra Business Environmental Awards Ceremony & Reception on Thursday, May 22nd from 5:30-8:30 pm at the Bay Area Metro Center in San Francisco. Tickets go on sale on March 25, 2019 at acterra.org/bea/.

The winners by category are as follows:

**Acterra Award for Sustainability**

Acterra’s highest award recognizes businesses whose programs achieve significant triple bottom line benefits (people, planet, profit) and advance the state of sustainability in a given industry or across industry sectors.

Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. (Large)

**Environmental Innovation**

Aperia Technologies (Small) – Halo Tire Inflator
ChargePoint (Medium) – Fueling Network of the Future

**Environmental Project**

East Bay Municipal Utility District (Large) – Resource Recovery Program
Pittsburg Unified School District (Medium) – Bioswale Project

**Spare the Air Leadership Award**

Sponsored by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Rewards a specific air quality improvement project that has demonstrated significant leadership in a focused area, such as reducing air pollutants, greenhouse gases, pollution prevention, or innovative approaches to cleaner air.

Goodwill Industries of San Francisco, San Mateo & Marin, Inc. (Medium) – Electric Truck Project

**Sustainable Built Environment**

WRNS Studios and Intuit – Intuit Marine Way Building (Large)
WRNS Studios, Sonoma Academy, XL Construction – Janet Durgin Guild & Commons (Medium)
More about the Awardees:

**Langan Engineering and Environmental Services** Langan’s corporate sustainability program has a 20-year history. In 2018, Langan became carbon neutral. Langan makes positive environmental and social contributions through their engineering design services for client projects, including coastal resiliency, greenhouse gas reduction planning, and green building design. Additional notable practices include a Sustainable Project of the Year Award (SPOY), maintenance of local office green teams, LEED office buildings, and carbon offset purchases.

**Aperia Technologies** Aperia’s Halo tire inflation technology—a self-powered inflation device that uses a wheel’s rotation to maintain optimal tire pressure—spun out of engineering work at Stanford University and serves tractors and trailers. Within the trucking industry, Aperia is dedicated to improving fuel efficiency by 1-2%, extending tire life by 10-15%, reducing carbon emissions, avoiding road calls and accidents, all with an attractive payback time.

**ChargePoint** ChargePoint empowers businesses and fleets to take part in the build-out of the fueling network of the future to support the wider adoption of electric mobility. The company has worked with local organizations and businesses across all nine Bay Area counties to bring Electric Vehicle (EV) charging to local communities. Their environmental impact includes the creation of more than 18,000 places to charge in the Bay Area.

**East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)** The EBMUD Resource Recovery (R2) Program transforms wastewater into usable products such as biogas for renewable energy generation, and beneficial soil amendment. EBMUD R2 diverts organic wastes from landfills to the tune of more than 200 million gallons and over 50 million pounds of waste while generating revenue. The closed system also captures methane, a powerful greenhouse gas, avoiding its release into the environment.

**Pittsburg Unified School District (PUSD)** The K-12 PUSD, located in East Contra Costa County, has incorporated a number of sustainability projects throughout the district which also serve to educate students at all grades on sustainability practices. The Bioswale Project installed at PUSD headquarters helps reduce the carbon footprint of the district by generating renewable energy via semi-translucent solar panels and wind turbines in a site previously used only for storm water retention. PUSD has also acquired two all-electric school buses, several electric fleet vehicles, and charging stations, with plans to expand its electric transportation infrastructure still further.

**The Goodwill Industries of San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin (SF Goodwill)** SF Goodwill’s Electric Truck Project pilot program has deployed eleven zero-emission battery electric heavy-duty trucks to serve Goodwill’s facilities. The project has reduced greenhouse gas emissions annually by an estimated 135.47 tons. These electric trucks are the first of their kind demonstrated in the U.S. The program has surfaced changes to worker training, infrastructure, and daily operations.

**WRNS Studios and Intuit** The 185,400 square feet Intuit Marine Way Building achieved LEED Platinum certification, natural light, PV installations, views to the outdoors, bio-filtration, indoor-outdoor workspaces, low-energy heating and cooling, and recycled greywater systems, and attention to campus and community connectivity, including vanpools, secured bike parking, and walking and biking paths.

**WRNS Studios, Sonomy Academy, and XL Construction** The Janet Durgin Guild & Commons at Sonomy Academy features 80% natural lighting, light sensors, water runoff capture, a living roof, and an all-electric kitchen powered from PV on the roof. Natural ventilation, the use of healthy materials, passive cooling, geoxchange, and radiant heating in slabs contribute to energy efficiency and comfort. Third-party certification is in process for LEED Platinum, WELL Gold, and the Living Building Challenge.

*About Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet*

Acterra is a San Francisco Bay Area 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Palo Alto that brings people together to create local solutions for a healthy planet. Acterra works locally to help people save energy, use cleaner power, and reduce their carbon footprint at home, at work, and in the community. For more information, visit acterra.org.