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Celebrating Bay Area Organizations Receiving Prestigious Environmental Award

PALO ALTO, March 19, 2018 -- Acterra (acterra.org/bea) recently announced the recipients of the 2018 Acterra Business Environmental Awards, presenting eight awards to Bay Area companies and public agencies that have demonstrated extraordinary environmental leadership. These organizations range in size and scope from a small restaurant, Gaumenkitzel Restaurant in Berkeley, to an international software company, Oracle Americas, Inc., each realizing significant environmental benefits in the Bay Area.

The Acterra Business Environmental Awards is one of the San Francisco Bay Area’s oldest and most prestigious environmental recognition programs. Initiated in 1990, it is considered a heavyweight among award programs due to its rigorous application and judging process. Executive Director of Acterra, Adam Stern, said, “Acterra is proud to recognize and share the achievements of these innovative companies and organizations, which represent the San Francisco Bay Area’s enduring commitment to sustainability. The award winners continue to push forward important new climate change solutions and lead the way for others in their industry to follow.”

These awardees will be honored at the 2018 Acterra Business Environmental Awards Ceremony & Reception on Thursday, May 31st from 5:30-8:30 pm at the Bay Area Metro Center in San Francisco. For complete information about the 2018 awardees and ceremony, visit acterra.org/bea.

2018 Acterra Business Environmental Award Recipients:

**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.

*Oracle Americas, Inc.*
- Large Organization-

*Gaumenkitzel Restaurant*
- Small Organization-
**Environmental Innovation**  
Rewards the successful implementation of a new or significantly improved environmental product, solution or technology, such as a new business service, a new invention or a new way of solving an environmental problem.

OhmConnect  
Ripple Foods

**Environmental Project**  
Rewards a specific environmental project that has demonstrated significant leadership in a focused area, such as resource conservation (water, waste, energy), pollution prevention, or minimizing carbon footprint.

US Coast Guard & Marcy Wong Donn Logan Architects  
US Coast Guard Wastewater Treatment Facility and Training Center (TRACEN), Petaluma

**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 developed innovative approaches to cleaner air.

Kaiser Permanente  
Onsite Distributed Generation Program

**Sustainable Built Environment**  
Rewards a building project that conserves natural resources and promotes the health and well-being of its occupants.

Exploratorium  
LinkedIn / STUDIOS Architecture / Integral Group / DPR Construction  
880 W. Maude, Sunnyvale CA

**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. We also recognize Bay Area companies that are leaders in environmental sustainability and create mechanisms for companies and organizations to learn from each other. For more information, visit acterra.org.