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SACOG HONORS REGION'S BEST AT AWARDS CEREMONY

Who: The Sacramento Area Council of Governments is honoring outstanding regional efforts in transportation, smart-growth planning and air quality with the 2008 SACOG Salutes! Regional Awards Program.

What: Eight organizations and individuals whose achievements and innovations made a significant difference in the Sacramento region in 2008 will be honored. This is the 10th year SACOG has recognized outstanding work by organizations, businesses and individuals through this program.

Blueprint Excellence: Capital Village, City of Rancho Cordova
for innovative planning and implementation of a smart growth community based on community input and values

Bill Hughes Elected Official of the Year: Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg
for working collaboratively with local governments and stakeholders throughout the region

Citizens of the Year: Ted Link-Oberstar and Terry Preston
for building safer routes to schools in the South Natomas community

Employee of the Year: Janet Ruggiero, City of Citrus Heights
for exemplary leadership in planning, community development and public involvement

Project of the Year: Fix I-5, Caltrans District 3
for innovative project delivery and public outreach

Agency of the Year: Urban Land Institute Sacramento
for exemplary professional practice, education and engagement on regional land use, transportation and air quality issues

Business of the Year: LJ Urban
for commitment to livable communities and sustainable growth in the region

Special Recognition: Tower Bridge Pedestrian & Bike Improvements, cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento
for exemplary government collaboration and improving multimodal access

When: **Thursday, December 18 – 9:00 a.m.**

Where: Sacramento Area Council of Governments (Meridian Plaza Building)
1415 L Street, Suite 300, Sacramento

Contact: For further information on the awards, categories and past recipients, please contact Erik Johnson at 916-321-9000 or visit: www.sacog.org/about/categories.cfm.

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