

2014 EV Readiness Awards Go to NetApp, City of Palo Alto, Alameda County, Shelter Creek Condominiums

PALO ALTO, CA, USA, April 28, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ --The Ready, Set, Charge! Bay Area EV Readiness Awards Recognize Leaders Implementing Programs, Policies and Infrastructure to Support "EV Ready" Communities in the Bay Area.

The <u>Bay Area Climate Collaborative</u> (BACC) and <u>Silicon</u> <u>Valley Leadership Group</u> announced today the winners of the 2014 Ready, Set, Charge! Bay Area Electric Vehicle Readiness Awards at the 2014 Silicon Valley Driving Charged & Connected Symposium, taking place at SAP in Palo Alto, California.

Awards were presented to the following recipients in four categories:

NetApp – Most EV Ready Business:

NetApp was awarded for its robust onsite EV plans, incentives, and active EV owner community. NetApp has 175 EV owners that provided feedback on the company's charging station network plan and have access to the 43 charging stations on its campuses. NetApp has hosted EV ride-and-drive events and also offers special employee pricing for EVs.

Palo Alto – Most EV Ready Small Community:

Palo Alto was recognized for the tremendous progress the City has made in the past year through its EVSE Task Force. Among its success are requiring new single-family residences to be EV ready by requiring dedicated panel capacity to accommodate a 240v outlet and raceway. They are currently developing EV ready regulations for new multi-family, non-residential and on-street parking requirements.

Alameda County – Most EV Ready Large Community:



The Awards Committee selected Alameda County for incorporating EVs substantially into its Climate Action Plan and General Plans, its impressive EV infrastructure of 80 public and fee-free charging ports, and its expansion of EVs in its fleets - currently at 23 EVs and with 26 more to be deployed this year. Alameda County has also provided region-wide leadership heading a collaborative procurement of 90 electric vehicles and charging stations for 10 municipal agencies.

Shelter Creek Condominiums – Most EV Ready Development:

Shelter Creek Condominiums was acknowledged for its strong efforts to maintain relationships with local EV car dealers to offer discounts to residents to purchase or lease EVs. Shelter Creek also has an informative, user-friendly webpage dedicated to informing current and potential residents about their EV charging services.

The awards were presented by Ken Sapp, Vice President of ABM Energy Solutions. ABM is one of the largest facility management services providers in the U.S. that offers EV charging station installation, maintenance, and repair services. "ABM is proud to be sponsoring these awards to recognize organizations that are leading the way in EV policies, programs, infrastructure and education," says Sapp. "ABM has worked hard to assist in building out the Bay Area's EV infrastructure, and we hope these organizations and ABM can provide examples of best practices that other organizations can emulate to make the Bay Area the national leader in EV adoption."

Award nominees were evaluated by a dynamic committee of experts in the EV industry on multiple criteria including community engagement, leader engagement, EV infrastructure, EV friendly policies, ordinances, and education to accelerate the EV market. The Awards Selection committee includes Don Bray of Joint Venture Silicon Valley, John Kalb of EV Charging Pros, Ursula Vogler of Metropolitan Transportation Commission, David Worthington of Sonoma County, Larry Morgan of SAP, Rachel Grossman of Google, and Ken Sapp and Van Wilkins of ABM. Previous multi-year award winners Google, SAP, and Sonoma County were invited to participate on this year's Awards Selection committee.

"The Bay Area Climate Collaborative and Silicon Valley Leadership Group organize the Ready, Set, Charge! EV Readiness Awards Program to encourage businesses, developments and local governments to take the lead in helping the Bay Area meet its goal of 100,000 EVs by 2020. This goal translates to \$120 million or more in fuel savings and 300,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas avoidance," said Rafael Reyes, Executive Director of the Bay Area Climate Collaborative. "We are proud to award this recognition to these four organizations for demonstrating critical leadership to advance EV readiness, which will result in stronger local economies, improved public health, as well as reduction in pollution and greenhouse gases."

For more on the Awards program and for the complete list of this year's nominees, please visit the EV Readiness Awards webpage at <u>http://www.baclimate.org/impact/ev-readiness-awards.html</u>.

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About the Bay Area Climate Collaborative

The Bay Area Climate Collaborative (BACC) is a public-private initiative accelerating the clean energy economy. Major partners include Bank of America, Pacific Gas & Electric, ChargePoint, Schneider Electric and local governments representing over 70 percent of the Bay Area population. BACC EV initiatives include facilitating the rollout of 150 EVs to municipal fleets, over 150 charge ports in 20 municipalities, and co-management of the region's EV marketing campaign "Experience Electric: The Better Ride." For more information on the BACC, please visit www.baclimate.org.

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