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CERC recognizes Connecticut's most notable economic growth initiatives

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Connecticut's top economic development projects, programs and leaders from across the state were honored at the annual CELEBRATE CT! event recently hosted by the Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Inc. (CERC), a nonprofit company that promotes Connecticut as a competitive business location.

The 2012 CELEBRATE CT! Award recipients (by region) are:

North Central / Hartford

Nufern

Connecticut - Israel Technology Summit

Central / Bristol

Yarde Metals

Hospital of Central Connecticut Cancer Center

South Central / New Haven

Gateway Community College

Community Foundation for Greater New Haven

Waterbury / Naugatuck

City of Waterbury Anti-blight Program

Naugatuck River Greenway, Town of Beacon Falls

Northwest / Torrington

Alcoa Howmet

Torrington Downtown Partners

West / Danbury

Boehringer Ingelheim

KimchuK Inc.

Southwest / Stamford / Bridgeport

Pepperidge Farm

Vita Health and Wellness District

Middlesex

GKN Aerospace Services Structures Corp.

Middletown Summer Youth Employment Program

Southeast / New London / Norwich

Lawrence + Memorial Hospital

OpSail CT 2012

Northeast / Windham

Quinebaug Manufacturing Technology Center

Coventry Regional Farmers' Market & The Farmers' Market Trail

The state Department of Economic and Community Development commissioner Catherine Smith was on hand to congratulate the award honorees and present an update on state efforts. More than 170 economic development and business professionals attended the event to celebrate the many successes and accomplishments in growing local communities, regions and the state this year.

"These awards pay tribute to the hardworking people and successful programs and projects of 2012," said CERC president and CEO Robert Santy. "We at CERC are proud to partner with the regions to celebrate these admirable honorees and we look forward to what 2013 will bring us."

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