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## **The Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Inc. (CERC) names honorees for annual Celebrate CT! event November 30**

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Robert Santy, CERC

Hartford, CT The Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Inc. (CERC) has named top economic development projects, programs and leaders from throughout the state to be honored at the annual Celebrate CT! event on November 30 at The Bushnell.

The 21 honorees were selected by economic development officials in each of 10 regions across Connecticut for their contribution to the state's economy – such as consistent or growing employment levels, playing a critical role in changing the character of its community or civic engagement, strong public/private collaboration to encourage new investment, or leadership resulting in growth or improvements. The honorees include initiatives, businesses, organizations and individuals that are widely known in their communities, and some that are less well-known.

“These awards acknowledge key people, programs and projects that are stimulating new jobs and investment in our economy,” said CERC president and CEO Robert Santy. “They are well earned and well-deserved, and CERC is proud to recognize the 2017 honorees and their noteworthy accomplishments that are having a positive impact on Connecticut’s business environment.”

This is the 8th year the event is being hosted by CERC, a nonprofit corporation and public-private partnership that provides economic development services, working closely with an extensive network of state, regional, local and utility partners to leverage Connecticut’s unique advantages as a premier business location.

Nearly 200 economic development and business professionals from around the state are expected to attend Celebrate CT! To register or sponsor the event, visit [cerc.com/celebratect](http://cerc.com/celebratect).

The 2017 Celebrate CT! award honorees:

- Capitol Region/Hartford

Joining Technologies

UConn Hartford Campus

- Central/New Britain

Alvarium Beer Company

Jasko Development LLC

- South Central/New Haven

Stony Creek Brewery

Mike Freda (for Amazon Fulfillment Center, North Haven)

- Southeastern/New London

Beer'd Brewing

Sean Nugent (for Preston Riverwalk)

- Lower CT River Valley/Middlesex

Goodspeed Musicals

Pegasus Manufacturing

- Naugatuck Valley/Waterbury

Basement Systems

Bristol Centre Square Project

- West/Danbury-Fairfield

BRT General Corporation

Ferguson Library (1 Million Cups)

Inspira Marketing Group

- Metropolitan/Bridgeport

Corvus Capital Partners LLC

Future Health Care Systems

- Northeastern/Windham

Heirloom Food Company

Thompson Branding Plan

- Northwest Hills/Torrington

Hurley Manufacturing

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