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**South Bay Workforce Investment Board Presents
Twenty Eighth Annual Awards Ceremony**

HAWTHORNE – More than 500 elected officials, civic leaders, business representatives, workforce partners and award honorees joined with the South Bay Workforce Board (SBWIB) to celebrate the 28th Awards Ceremony, November 9th in the Grand Ballroom at the Torrance Marriott Hotel.

Torrance Mayor George Chen extended a formal welcome on behalf of the city. He thanked the SBWIB for the important work they do in the South Bay region and congratulated the SBWIB for being designated by the state of California as a high performing Workforce Board.

The SBWIB's top honor, the Esther Williams Award of Excellence, was presented by a past recipient of the award, Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts, Jr., to Northrop Grumman Corporation in recognition of its many years of support to the SBWIB and for its visionary approach in expanding apprenticeship programs and ongoing commitment to excellence and community engagement.

"We're incredibly grateful and proud of our partnership with the Workforce Investment Board and El Camino College. Together we are lifting up our community through skills developed and used here at home in the South Bay," said Cindy Egan, vice president of Advanced Mission Systems at Northrop Grumman.

SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel paid tribute to past SBWIB Chairman of the Board Wayne Spencer who passed away earlier this year and presented the inaugural Wayne Spencer Community Service Award to the Beach Cities Health District (BCHD). Mr. Vogel cited BCHD's outstanding service to the South Bay for the past 25 years and its initiative to become part of the allcove network of integrated youth mental health centers throughout California.

In total, 87 individuals, businesses, event sponsors and training partners were honored during the event with the net proceeds supporting youth service programs the SBWIB provides, including two Teen Centers.



Adult and youth award recipients.





Beach Cities Health District (BCHD), recipients of the inaugural Wayne Spencer Community Service Award.



Northrop Grumman Corporation, recipients of the Esther Williams Award of Excellence.