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Connecticut's Statewide Economic Development Awards Presented at Celebrate CT!

Connecticut's top economic development projects, programs and leaders from across the state were honored at our annual CELEBRATE CT! event.

The 2014 CELEBRATE CT! Award recipients (by region) were:

North Central

Billings Forge Community Works
CareCentrix

South Central

Alexion
North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda

Southeast

Fiddleheads Natural Food Co-op
Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition

Middlesex

Durham Agricultural Fair Association
Tower Laboratories, Ltd.

Waterbury / Naugatuck

Seymour Fish Bypass (Paul Pawlak Fish Bypass)
Waterbury Mayor Neil M. O'Leary

West

Belimo Air Control USA Inc.
Mediassociates

Southwest

Datto, Inc.
Stamford 2030 District

Central

Polamer Precision



Rowley Spring Adult Education Diploma and Certificate Program

Northeast

Plainfield Renewable Energy – A Leidos Company
Putnam Business Association First Friday's Event

Northwest

Five Point Gallery
Northwest Connecticut Manufacturer's Coalition

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 at the Bushnell in Hartford 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 2014,” 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 2015 will bring us.”

CERC also presented the Connie Maffeo Customer Service Award to Donna Wertenbach, President and CEO of the Community Economic Development Fund.

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