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Quality Companies: The Connecticut Quality Improvement Award Partnership Inc. recently presented its 2001 entry level CQIA Innovation Prizes to the following local organizations at its 15th Annual Conference on Quality and Innovation, Celebrating Excellence Through Sharing: **Fleet Bank**, gold; **Robinson & Cole LLP** in Hartford, silver; **The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts** in Hartford, gold; **Trinity College** in Hartford, silver; the state **Department of Revenue Services** in Hartford, silver; **TRUMPF Inc.** in Farmington, silver; **John Dempsey Hospital**, silver; **University of Connecticut Health Center** in Farmington, two silver; **ConnectiCare Preventive Health** in Farmington, six silver; **Inframmat Corp.** in Farmington, gold; **Marcus Communications** in Manchester, silver; **Smith Middle School** in Glastonbury, silver; **The Connecticut Licensing Information Center** in Rocky Hill, silver; the **Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium** in New Britain, gold; and the state **Department of Labor** in Wethersfield, gold.

On hand at the awards ceremony are, from left, Glynis Powanda, branch manager of Fleet Bank; Charles E. Janson of Robinson & Cole; Tod Kallenbach Sr., director of external relations at The Bushnell; Benjamin S. Todd, director of the Smart Neighborhood Initiative at Trinity; Jason Purslow, tax collection examiner for the state Department of Revenue Services; Thom Crosby, president and CEO of Pal's Sudden Service in Kingsport, TN (2001 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award for Performance Excellence recipient in the small business category); and Sheila Carmine, founder and executive director of the CQIA Partnership.