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GRANTS & AWARDS

Connecticut Businesses Win Fifty-One Awards for Excellence

Southern Connecticut State University, Regional Water Authority, and Metaserver, Inc. of New Haven, Bayer Pharmaceutical Division of West Haven, Integrated Financial Systems of North Haven, and NEATO LLC of East Haven, received several Connecticut Innovation Prize awards in this year's competition. Companies and organizations from across Connecticut earned 51 awards for business excellence in

this year's Connecticut Innovation Prize competition, the first level award of the Connecticut Quality Improvement Award Partnership (CQIAP).

"Bayer Corporation is proud to have been chosen to receive the Connecticut Innovation Prize. It is especially meaningful that we received the Gold award as a first-time entry for a program that was put together by our employees for

the benefit of our employees. Sensible Science™ was developed to provide a means for virtually every one of our employees to have an opportunity to participate in our hands-on education outreach program. Bayer is honored that the Connecticut Quality Improvement Awards partnership has recognized our efforts to enrich science education in our communities," said Nicole A. Pollard, chair of Bayer Science Forum, and Joe Catino, vice president for the Department of Cancer Research and advisor of Bayer Science Forum.

Connecticut Innovation Prize winners from the CQIA Partnership are recognized on three levels: silver, gold and platinum, the highest. This year, the CQIA Partnership received 91 entry-level Innovation Prize applications from 50 organizations, including manufacturing, service, health care, educa-

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tion, state and municipal governments, as well as not-for-profits. Every area of the state is represented. The 15 Baldrige-trained examiners read applications from companies with just a few employees to organizations with more than 1,000 employees.

"Qualifying for state-level awards is one of the stepping stones to achieve an underlying goal announced last year that challenges Connecticut's businesses to bring Connecticut its first Baldrige Award by the year 2005," said Sheila Carmine, president of the CQIA Partnership. "Through the awards program, we've demonstrated that Connecticut has businesses with high levels of initiative and ingenuity. We're committed to showing the rest of the country what we've got here."

Created in 1987, the Connecticut Quality Improvement Award was patterned after the national quality initia-

tive that became the Malcolm Baldrige Awards. It is the nation's first and oldest statewide quality award and, for 14 years, the CQIA Partnership has celebrated Connecticut's best companies at the annual quality award event.

This year's conference and awards ceremony takes place Thursday, October 11, at the Southbury Hilton in Southbury, CT. Speakers include Bill Maxwell, vice president of human resources for Cendant Mobility; Vince Margillo, director of quality for Dana Corporation; Michael Eska, president and CEO for Electro Energy; John Trackrah, vice president of Otis; Joselyn Burke, vice president of Packard BioScience; and John Bellows, CEO of SoBe Beverages.

Connecticut Innovation Prize Winners 2001

Academy of Information Technology, Stamford, 2001
 Basement Systems, Inc., Seymour, 2000, '01
 Bayer Pharmaceutical Division, West Haven, 2001
 BHC Company, Bridgeport, 1995, '96, '97, '98, '99, '00, '01
 BIC Corporation, Milford, 1996, '01
 Cendant Mobility, Danbury, 1998, '99, '00, '01
 Central Connecticut State University
 Institute for Industrial & Engineering Technology, New Britain, 1995, '98, '00, '01
 City of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, 1995, '98, '00, '01
 City of New London, New London, 2001
 Conair Corporation, Stamford, 2001
 ConnectiCare, Inc., Farmington, 1995, '97, '01
 Connex International, Danbury, 2000, '01
 Electro Energy, Inc., Danbury, 2001
 ERC DataPlus, Norwalk, 2001
 Fairfield University, Fairfield, 2001
 Gartner, Stamford, 2000, '01
 Greenfield Online, Wilton, 2000, '01
 Holdsworth Pelton, East Berlin, 2001
 Ibase Consulting, 2001
 Integrated Financial Systems, North Haven, 2001
 Joining Technologies, East Granby, 2001
 Kodak Polychrome Graphics, Norwalk, 2001

Purdue Pharma L.P., Stamford, 2001
 Qualidigm, Middletown, 2001
 Regional Water Authority, New Haven, 2001
 Resource Engineering, Tolland, 2001
 River Run Software Group, Stamford, 2001
 Robinson & Cole LLP, Stamford, 2000, '01
 SARAH, Inc., Guilford, 2000, '01
 SCM Microsystems, Guilford, 2001
 Sonalysts, Inc., Waterford, 2001
 Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, 1997, '98, '00, '01
 SS&C Global Financial Technologies, Windsor, 2001
 Department of Motor Vehicles, Waterbury, 2001
 The Hartford, Hartford, 2001
 TitleSmart, Ridgefield, 2001
 UCONN Health Center, Farmington, 1997, '98, '01

The winners will be published in the 2001 Connecticut Best Practices book, Connecticut's seventh benchmarking book highlighting the many aspects of the CQIA Partnership.

The Connecticut Quality Improvement Award (CQIA) Partnership is a non-profit organization comprised of a growing group of active business leaders, educators, health care executives and government officials concerned with improving the economic climate in Connecticut. To learn more about the awards and how your organization can submit an entry, visit the CQIA Partnership website at www.ctqualityaward.org or call (203) 322-9534. ◊

Leadership Greater Hartford, Hartford, 2001
 MedSpan Health Options, Hartford, 1995, '01
 Metaserver, Inc., New Haven, 2001
 Microboard Processing, Inc., Seymour, 2001
 NEATO LLC, East Haven, 2001
 Otis Elevator Company, Farmington, 2001
 Packard BioScience, Meriden, 2001
 Petro Heating Oil and Services, Stamford, 2001

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