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# News Release

## **Innovation Across the East Bay Region**

**Oakland, CA November 5, 2015** Exciting uses of technology and advanced manufacturing are impacting companies across the East Bay. Best examples of innovation in product development, services and processes will be celebrated at the East Bay Economic Development Alliance's (East Bay EDA) annual *East Bay Innovation Awards* on February 25, 2016 at the historic Fox Theatre in Oakland. Over 100 nominations for the awards were received in October, with 16 organizations selected by subject matter experts as finalists in 8 competitive categories. Nominees represented innovative businesses and organizations from 24 East Bay cities.

The popular awards ceremony highlights East Bay EDA's marketing of the competitive advantages of the East Bay and showcases outstanding companies who embrace innovation in their manufacturing, services, design and information. The East Bay's assets attract innovate businesses to locate and grow in this region.

The 2016 master of ceremonies will be Scott McGrew, host of NBC's *Press: Here*, a reporter for KNBR radio, and an anchor for NBC's "Today in the Bay" morning news.

Awards are given out in the categories of Advanced Manufacturing, Clean Tech, Education, Engineering & Design, Food, Information and/or Communication Technology, and Life Sciences. A Catalyst of the Year award is presented to an individual, organization, or company that is currently transcending organizational boundaries to pull East Bay assets together in new ways and/or to catalyze new thinking or processes.

An annual Legacy award is also presented for an organization with a history of innovation that has impacted the quality of life and/or business development. The 2016 Legacy awardee is the University of California, Berkeley.

The 2016 East Bay Innovation Award awardees in the competitive categories will be revealed at the annual event in February 2016.

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Finalists, in alphabetical order, include:

**Catalyst of the Year Award**

Delta Diablo Sanitation District (Western Recycled Water Coalition)  
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (CalCharge)

**Advanced Manufacturing**

Emerald Packaging  
Inland Metal Technologies

**Clean Tech**

Finelite  
Motiv Power Systems, Inc.

**Education**

Hack the Hood  
The Bread Project

**Engineering & Design**

Energy Recovery  
Sila Nanotechnologies

**Food**

Core Foods  
OCHO Candy

**Information and/or Communications Technology**

Callidus Cloud  
Clef

**Life Sciences**

Caribou Sciences  
Ekso Bionics

**About the East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA)**

The East Bay Economic Development Alliance is a public-private partnership founded in 1990, and serves the Bay Area's East Bay region (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties). The East Bay EDA's mission is to be the regional voice and networking resource for strengthening the economy, building the workforce and enhancing the quality of life in the East Bay.

For more information on East Bay EDA, please go to: [www.EastBayEDA.org](http://www.EastBayEDA.org)