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Nevada JobConnect Recognized with Community Partner Award by EDAWN

Nevada JobConnect was recently honored by the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) with the “Community Partner Award” for its efforts in supporting economic development initiatives in the Greater Reno-Sparks-Tahoe.

“We are overjoyed to be selected for such a prestigious honor and are proud to be a long-standing partner in the work EDAWN does to grow and prosper the business community in Northern Nevada,” said Frank Woodbeck, director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR). “I am immensely proud of the hard work and dedication of the staff in the Nevada JobConnect offices who work tirelessly in supporting businesses in their job placement needs and in helping jobseekers reach their employment goals.”

Companies found to have stellar expansion, corporate citizenship, environmental awareness and commitment to thinking local were honored by the business community and government officials at the inaugural Greater Reno-Sparks-Tahoe “Existing Industry Awards” reception hosted by EDAWN, said Nancy McCormic, vice president of business retention, expansion and workforce development at EDAWN.

The “Existing Industry Awards” were founded to thank, celebrate and recognize the success and accomplishments of the many outstanding companies that drive the growth and diversification of the economic future of the Greater Reno-Sparks-Tahoe region, she said. Over 40 nominees were considered for a “small company” (under 50 employees) and “large company” (51 or more employees) award.

“Nevada Job Connect has been an incredible partner for EDAWN in the recruitment, retention and expansion of companies in Greater Reno-Sparks-Tahoe,” McCormick said. “The professionalism, responsiveness and accuracy of the staff, the ease of use of the information they provide along with their willingness to participate in meetings and conduct job fairs in the area have significantly enhanced our ability to bring companies to the region, to retain and grow companies already in business here. Staff from Nevada JobConnect has been involved in countless meetings with new and existing employers through EDAWN to market state employer

hiring programs and have provided recruitment assistance to hundreds of local employers over the past year. Our strong partnership with Nevada JobConnect has resulted in over a thousand jobs for the region.”

The nomination process for the Greater Reno-Sparks-Tahoe “Existing Industry Awards” was open to all primary industry companies doing business in Washoe County, Storey County and Fernley. Individuals, companies and community partners were able to nominate. Winners were chosen based on distinct criteria overviewed by a committee of local business leaders.

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DETR is comprised of the Employment Security Division, Equal Rights Commission, Rehabilitation Division, the Information Development and Processing Division and the Research and Analysis Bureau. DETR works in partnership with the Nevada JobConnect System to provide training and job placement services to job seekers and to assist employers in hiring practices.