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2007 SpotBeam Awardees Honored

Space Enterprise Community Honors Space Enterprise Leaders

LOS ANGELES – A packed house of 300 space enterprise leaders toasted the 2007 recipients of the SpotBeam Awards Thursday evening. The black-tie fest showcases the important role space enterprise plays in the everyday lives of ordinary Americans and is the climax event of the annual Transforming Space 2007 Conference.

“The SpotBeam Awards Dinner is a rare opportunity for all segments of the California space enterprise community to celebrate each others’ 2007 accomplishments,” stated Andrea Seastrand, Executive Director of the California Space Authority (CSA). “It isn’t easy to narrow them down, but the SpotBeam Awards honor those who have made unique contributions in their specific areas of space enterprise expertise.”

SpotBeam Award categories and recipients are:

1. Federal Leadership: Congressman Adam B. Schiff
2. State Leadership: Secretary Victoria Bradshaw, California Labor & Workforce Development Agency
3. California Astronaut Hall of Fame (Current Astronaut): Barbara R. Morgan
4. California Astronaut Hall of Fame (Former Astronaut): General Kevin P. Chilton
5. Entertainment: Star Wars
6. National Security Space: US Air Force/Lockheed Martin SBIRS Team
7. Civil Space: Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) Program
8. Commercial Space: Space Systems/Loral
9. Innovation: XCOR Aerospace, Inc.
10. International Space: German Aerospace Center
11. The Buzz Aldrin Space Education Award: Raytheon
12. The Buzz Aldrin Space Workforce Award: NOVA Workforce Board and the University of California Extension, Santa Cruz
13. Manufacturing: COM DEV USA
14. Space Science Research: Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (GRACE) Program
15. Business Development and Retention: Mojave Air and Space Port

“This year’s SpotBeam awardees are representative of the entrepreneurial and innovative spirit that thrives in California. Their success is what makes California the leader that it is,” added Seastrand.

For an in-depth synopsis of each award winner and the category, please visit:

<http://www.californiaspaceauthority.org/spotbeam%20awards/2007.html>

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