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SOUTH TEXAS ENERGY & ECONOMIC ROUNDTABLE ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF THE FIRST ANNUAL EAGLE FORD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

- STEER honors companies and organizations in the Eagle Ford Shale -

SAN ANTONIO (December 11, 2013) – [The South Texas Energy and Economic Roundtable \(STEER\)](#), announced today that HOLT CAT, Halliburton, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute at Texas A&M University – Kingsville, Dynamic Industries, Inc., Energy Waste, and Primera Energy as the recipients of the inaugural 2013 Eagle Ford Excellence Awards. The awards honor leading companies and organizations working in or with the oil and gas industry by recognizing diligent efforts in the areas of community and social investment, environmental stewardship, and safety performance within the Eagle Ford Shale region.

“STEER stands by its commitment to protect and preserve the health of the environment, communities and individuals in our South Texas communities. The Eagle Ford Excellence Award recipients set the standard for good corporate citizenship and STEER is honored to provide a forum to recognize companies that make this a priority,” says Omar Garcia, president of STEER.

“The economic transformation taking place in the Eagle Ford Shale is remarkable. South Texas transitioned from being one of the poorest areas in Texas to a thriving region, but it is also important to preserve and protect the rapidly growing counties along the shale and their residents during this time of swift change. The Eagle Ford Excellence Awards allow for recognition of such efforts,” says Henry Cisneros, keynote speaker at the luncheon.

This inaugural event provides both oil and gas companies and their contractors an opportunity to be acknowledged for their efforts in preserving the environment, contributing to the communities in which they work, and promoting safety in and around the workplace. The awards will be given to

applicants that exemplify innovation, take initiative and benefit the greater South Texas region.

“When selecting judges for the Eagle Ford Excellence Awards, getting the perspective of professionals outside of the oil and gas industry was important to STEER and its members. We felt it was necessary to truly be able to judge the efforts and results of companies and organizations working in the region,” says Garcia. Judges for the 2013 Eagle Ford Excellence Awards include representatives from the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG), CPS Energy and the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA).

“As a judge for the Eagle Ford Excellence Awards, it is important to see the collaboration between the oil and gas industry and communities in the Eagle Ford Shale region. It is exciting to see the attention that is being paid to environmental stewardship from within the oil and gas industry,” says award judge Peter Bella, Natural Resources Director for AACOG.

Recipients of the inaugural 2013 Eagle Ford Excellence Awards are:

In the Community and Social Investment category:

For companies or organizations with less than 250 employees: Energy Waste

For companies or organizations with more than 250 employees: Halliburton

In the Safety Performance category:

For companies or organizations with less than 250 employees: Primera Energy

For companies or organizations with more than 250 employees: Dynamic Industries

In the Environmental Stewardship category:

For companies or organizations with less than 250 employees: Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute at Texas A&M University - Kingsville

For companies or organizations with more than 250 employees: Holt Cat

About South Texas Energy and Economic Roundtable (STEER)

The South Texas Energy and Economic Roundtable (STEER) is the leading Eagle Ford Shale resource in the region and is the primary coordinator for communication and public advocacy surrounding the oil and natural gas industry in South Texas. With a focus on South Texas, STEER will serve as the bridge connecting the industry and legislature, academia and the communities throughout South Texas to ensure positive collaboration and communication surrounding the activities associated with the Eagle Ford Shale. For more information about STEER, visit STEER.com.

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