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California Council for Excellence Announces First Manufacturing Award Recipient of 2011

LOS ANGELES – February 2, 2012 – The California Council for Excellence (CCE) today released an additional recipient of the California Awards for Performance Excellence (CAPE™) Prospector Award, GNB Corp.

GNB Corp., a manufacturing organization from Elk Grove, Calif., is the first 2011 winner in its industry to receive any level of CAPE™ award. This is their first year participating in the CAPE™ program.

Administered by CCE, the CAPE™ program guides California organizations to maintain competitiveness by promoting continuous improvement. The Prospector Award applicants submit a 25-page application using the 7-category Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence.

Brent Duggleby, Chair of the CAPE Council that oversees the awards program, said “it is extremely gratifying to see manufacturing organizations like GNB Corp. using the Baldrige Criteria and the CAPE™ program as part of their journey towards performance excellence. The Prospector Award is an exceptional resource to organizations, allowing them to be able to obtain high quality, unbiased feedback on how to improve their organization.”

GNB Corp. will be formally honored at CCE's 18th Annual Best Practices and Awards Conference, *Celebrating Excellence 2012*, at Disneyland's Paradise Pier Hotel, Anaheim, Calif., on May 1 and 2. The CAPE™ Awards will be presented to these winners during the luncheon on Wednesday, May 2.

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Founded in 1992, the California Council for Excellence is a nonprofit educational foundation dedicated to helping California-based organizations achieve world-class results through the principles and criteria of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program. The organization oversees programs such as CAPE™ and CTEA, as well as the Governor's Award for Excellence and the United States Productivity Award.