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Kaiser Permanente wins Spare the Air Leadership Award

SAN FRANCISCO – In partnership with Acterra and the 2018 Acterra Business Environmental Awards, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District has announced the newest recipient of the Spare the Air Leadership Award – Kaiser Permanente.

Kaiser will be honored at the 2018 Acterra Business Environmental Awards Ceremony and Reception at the Bay Area Metro Center in San Francisco on May 31 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Kaiser has achieved the honor for implementing renewable energy projects that reduce air pollutants and greenhouse gases while developing innovative approaches for cleaner air.

“Kaiser’s approach to using renewable energy in the health care sector demonstrates true leadership that has positive implications for the health care industry and beyond,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “By rewarding innovative solutions like this, we can highlight proven approaches that other businesses can use to reduce emissions from their own operations and help effectively tackle the challenges associated with climate change.”

With ambitious goals to be carbon neutral by 2020 and carbon positive by 2025, Kaiser has undertaken numerous renewable-energy projects and implemented various sustainability practices throughout their network of facilities in the Bay Area and across California. Their ongoing efforts to remove greenhouse gas emissions from their facilities have required the coordination and support of Kaiser’s 200,000 employees nationwide, including regional support administrators, facility directors, chief engineers, nurses, doctors, the CEO and the Board of Directors.

The Acterra Business Environmental Awards is one of the San Francisco Bay Area’s oldest and most prestigious environmental recognition programs. Initiated in 1990, it is considered a champion among award programs due to its broad geographic scope, rigorous judging process and competitive pool of applicants. The Spare the Air Leadership Award has been a part of the Acterra Business Environmental Awards for two years.

“Acterra is proud to recognize and share the achievements of these innovative companies and organizations, which represent the San Francisco Bay Area’s enduring commitment to sustainability,” said Adam Stern, executive Director of Acterra. “The award winners continue to push forward important new climate change solutions and lead the way for others in their industry to follow.”

For more information about the awards ceremony or about the other 2018 Acterra Business Environmental Awards categories and recipients, visit www.acterra.org/bea.

Acterra (www.acterra.org) is a San Francisco Bay Area 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Palo Alto that brings people together to create local solutions for a healthy planet.

The [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#). For more information about Spare the Air, visit www.sparetheair.org.

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