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11th Annual East Bay Innovation Awards 2024 Finalists Announced

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Oakland, California – The 11th annual <u>East Bay Innovation Awards</u> will take place at the Oakland Scottish Rite Center on Thursday, March 28, 2024. Often referred to as the "Academy Awards of the East Bay," the East Bay Innovation Awards is the premier program of its kind that celebrates and honors the extraordinary companies and organizations that contribute to the East Bay's legacy of innovation. For over a decade, the annual awards ceremony has showcased outstanding companies and organizations from Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

This year, nearly 200 nominations were submitted in 10 competitive award categories. Groups of industry experts narrowed the nominations down to 20 finalists, which were announced in November 2023. These finalists will join East Bay EDA in March at the Oakland Scottish Rite Center for a fun-filled evening presented by Sutter Health East Bay/San Francisco and hosted by Gia Vang of NBC Bay Area. Tickets are now on sale for the 11th annual awards ceremony featuring entertainment, networking, raffle prizes and more.

<u>Contra Costa Transportation Authority</u> is the 2024 Legacy Awardee. Finalists in the competitive categories are listed in alphabetical order:

Advanced Manufacturing

<u>Cuberg</u> (San Leandro) <u>Saildrone</u> (Alameda)

Arts and Culture

AXIS Dance Company (Berkeley)
Native American Health Center (Oakland)

Built Environment

Roof & Realm (Concord)
Terner Housing Innovation Labs (Oakland)

Clean Tech

<u>Lilac Solutions Inc.</u> (Oakland) <u>Twelve</u> (Berkeley)

Community Impact

<u>Bayer</u> (Berkeley) <u>District Works</u> (Oakland)

Education

<u>Hack the Hood</u> (Oakland) <u>Kids Teach Tech</u> (San Ramon)

Engineering and Design

Ambi Robotics (Berkeley)

Verdant Structural Engineers (Berkeley)

Food

<u>Climax Foods</u> (Berkeley) <u>Torani Syrups & Flavors</u> (San Leandro)

Life Sciences

<u>4D Molecular Therapeutics</u> (Emeryville) Bakar Labs (Berkeley)

Technology

Network Optix, Inc. (Walnut Creek)
Rain (Alameda)