

Contact Information:

Stephen Baiter, Executive Director
East Bay EDA
(510) 679-7911
stephen@eastbayeda.org



PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

East Bay Innovation Awards – 2026 Awardees Announced

Legacy awardee BART leads a list of more than 40 honorees from the East Bay region

Oakland, California – The 13th annual [East Bay Innovation Awards](#) will be held at the Henry J. Kaiser Center for the Arts in Oakland on Thursday, March 26, 2026. Hosted by the [East Bay Economic Development Alliance \(East Bay EDA\)](#), the award ceremony honors extraordinary companies and organizations in Alameda and Contra Costa counties that contribute to the East Bay’s legacy of innovation.

The 2026 awardees were identified and selected with the input of business, community, economic development, and municipal leaders from East Bay cities and counties. A departure from the competitive nominations process to select awardees in prior years, this approach resulted in the largest and most diverse field of companies and organizations receiving these awards since the event’s inception in 2013. Awardees will be celebrated and recognized at a fun-filled event ceremony courtesy of 2026 East Bay Innovation Awards Presenting Sponsor [Pacific Gas & Electric Company \(PG&E\)](#).

The 2026 awards ceremony will be hosted by Emmy Award-winning journalist, NBC Bay Area news anchor and reporter, [Gia Vang](#). The event will also feature multi-talented Voice Actor and CEO of Enjoyment Endeavor, [Joy Ofodu](#), and musical entertainment from the Bay Area’s legendary [DJSHELLHEART](#).

The [Bay Area Rapid Transit District \(BART\)](#) is the [2026 Legacy Awardee](#).

Awardees are listed below by region and city:

Central Alameda County

[Veev, By Lennar](#) (Hayward) – Built Environment
[Zoox](#) (Hayward) – Manufacturing
[B3 Investors](#) (San Leandro) – Built Environment
[Fuse Energy](#) (San Leandro) - Technology

Central Contra Costa County

[John Muir Health - Concord Campus](#) (Concord) – Life Sciences
[Shiva Murugan Temple](#) (Concord) – Arts & Culture
[Choice in Aging](#) (Pleasant Hill) – Community Impact
[Collab Fertility](#) (Walnut Creek) – Life Sciences
[SewerAI](#) (Walnut Creek) – Engineering & Design

East Contra Costa County

[Amports](#) (Antioch) – Built Environment
[Wonoda](#) (Antioch) – Manufacturing
[Redbox](#) (Brentwood) – Catalyst

[Medical Center for Birds](#) (Oakley) – Life Sciences
[Bishop-Wisecarver](#) (Pittsburg) – Manufacturing
[Blue Planet Systems](#) (Pittsburg) – Built Environment

North Alameda County

[Anthro Energy](#) (Alameda) – Technology
[Rhythmix Cultural Works](#) (Alameda) – Community Impact
[Berkeley Startup Cluster](#) (Berkeley) – Catalyst
[Copper](#) (Berkeley) – Technology
[Brillouin Energy](#) (Emeryville) – Technology
[East Bay Community Foundation](#) (Oakland) – Community Impact
[Molten Industries](#) (Oakland) – Manufacturing
[Rising Sun Center for Opportunity](#) (Oakland) – Education

South Alameda County

[9th St. Partners](#) (Fremont) – Built Environment
[Fremont Bank](#) (Fremont) – Community Impact
[Ohlone College](#) (Fremont) – Education
[ATUM](#) (Newark) – Life Sciences
[Azimuth](#) (Union City) – Catalyst

Tri-Valley

[Amber Semiconductor](#) (Dublin) – Technology
[Snowflake](#) (Dublin) – Technology
[Inertia](#) (Livermore) – Technology
[LLNL Livermore Institute for Fusion Technology](#) (Livermore) – Catalyst
[Enjoyment Endeavor](#) (San Ramon) – Arts & Culture
[Sunset Development Company](#) (San Ramon) – Built Environment

West Contra Costa County

[NIAD Art Center](#) (Richmond) – Arts & Culture
[Viridi Parente](#) (Richmond) – Catalyst
[City of San Pablo](#) (San Pablo) – Built Environment
[Bio-Rad](#) (Hercules) – Life Sciences
[Kitchen@812](#) (Pinole) - Catalyst

###

About East Bay Economic Development Alliance: Founded in 1990, the East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA) was born out of the recognition by top leaders of the need to work together and tackle shared challenges. Today, East Bay EDA is a 150+ member organization that serves as the regional voice and networking resource for strengthening the economy, building the workforce, and enhancing the quality of life in the East Bay. The organization is a cross-sector, public-private partnership that promotes strategic economic development throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. For more than 30 years, East Bay EDA has convened diverse networks of business, government, and community leaders who embrace the extraordinary value of our region as an unrivaled place to live, work, and do business. Learn more at <https://eastbayeda.org>.