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i-GATE iHub Receives Top Award for Excellence in Local Government

Awarded by the Alliance for Innovation at the 2012 Transforming Local Government Conference.

Livermore, CA - April 18, 2012: Today the i-GATE Innovation Hub (iHub) Initiative was awarded the Thomas H. Muehlenbeck Award for Excellence in Local Government by the Alliance for Innovation at their 2012 Transforming Local Government Conference in Kansas City, MO. Over 70 submissions from across the United States and Canada were received for this prestigious award, which is presented annually to further encourage innovation and recognize excellence in local government.

The Award for Excellence in Local Government represents the top annual award from the Alliance for Innovation. Muehlenbeck, for which the award was named, served as the City Manager of Plano, TX from 1987 to 2011 and was The Innovation Groups (now the Alliance for Innovation) Board of Directors' Chair for 10 years.

The i-GATE iHub Initiative was recognized for its unique approach collaboration and support of high growth technology-based startups in the clean transportation, renewable-energy, and high performance computing technologies sectors. i-GATE achieves its outcomes through three primary programs:

- **Business Services** that support technology businesses through education, mentoring, access to capital, and networking.
- **Advocacy and Collaboration** among diverse organizations to create economic growth and job creation.
- **Academic Partnerships** that lead to a robust research and development environment.

"This award demonstrates the importance of broad regional partnership between local government, industry, and academia," said Rob White, Chief Executive Officer of the i-GATE iHub Initiative. "We are very proud to have been recognized for our leadership in conjunction with our local government partners of Livermore, Dublin, Danville, Davis, Pleasanton, Fremont, Tracy, Lathrop, San Ramon, West Sacramento, and Alameda County."

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About the i-GATE Innovation Hub Initiative

The i-GATE iHub Initiative is a public-private regional partnership of eleven local governments, two national laboratories, universities, research institutions, and over thirty additional venture capital, angel investor, economic development, and industry partners. As a State of California designated Innovation Hub, and part of the iHub network that is part of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (Go-BIZ), i-GATE supports the growth of new technology companies and creation of jobs in clean energy, green transportation, and high performance computing.

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About the Alliance for Innovation

The Alliance for Innovation is an international network of progressive governments and partners committed to transforming local government by accelerating the development and dissemination of innovations. We seek out innovative practices, challenge existing business models, exchange knowledge, and provide products and services that help our members perform at their best. Together with our partners, International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and Arizona State University (ASU), we promote excellence in local government and build a community of practice in local government innovation.

At the 2007 Transforming Local Government (TLG) Conference, the former Innovation Groups, ICMA and ASU partnered to establish the new Alliance for Innovation. ASU was selected as the research partner to expand the research capability of the Alliance for Innovation. The Alliance delivers new approaches to research, innovation and the development of best practices and brings together the best local government practitioners in the country along with private-sector partners and academic scholars.

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About the Transforming Local Government Conference

For 2012, the Transforming Local Government Conference (TLG) attracted over 500 attendees from local governments that are deliberately seeking new and innovative ways to meet new challenges and provide high quality service to the communities they serve. TLG is recognized for its dynamic content, which encourages team building, free thinking and fosters unprecedented ideas. Participants hear presentations directly from the teams that have created some of the most innovative programs and projects in local government today.

The conference is specifically designed to promote team building and provide opportunities to share ideas. The scale of the conference allows local government professionals to participate in highly interactive conversations, to network directly with the presenters and to establish new and long lasting peer-to-peer contacts.



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