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### California Climate Action Registry Announces Recipients of its Annual Climate Action Champion Awards

#### ***BP, Bentley Prince Street and Dr. Jonathan Pershing Honored***

DANA POINT, California – The California Climate Action Registry announced the recipients of its third annual Climate Action Champion Awards yesterday at the Registry's conference *Connecting the Dots on Climate Change*. The awards were presented to two organizations and one individual, all being recognized for demonstrating exemplary leadership in addressing climate change. The awards went to:

**BP** - BP is one of the world's largest energy companies, providing its customers with fuel for transportation, energy for heat and light, retail services and petrochemicals products for everyday items. In 1997, BP was the first major energy company to publicly acknowledge the need to take steps against climate change and to commit to reduce its own emissions. The next year, BP launched a program that successfully reduced GHG emissions from its operations by 10% below 1990 levels in just 4 years. In 2004, BP announced a new five year \$350-million emission reduction program with a goal of avoiding an additional one million metric tons of GHG emissions each year. BP also launched a new low-carbon power generation business - BP Alternative Energy - that plans to invest \$8 billion in solar, wind, hydrogen and combined-cycle power generation technologies over the next decade.

**Bentley Prince Street** – Bentley Prince Street and its parent company, Interface Inc., have long supported initiatives that promote global climate change prevention and mitigation in keeping with their vision as leaders in sustainable commerce. By improving operational efficiencies, installing solar panels on its roof and making innovations in its product line, Bentley Prince Street has already achieved net GHG emissions reductions of 75% since 1996. Bentley Prince Street's corporate sustainability goals, including its GHG emissions performance, is an integral part of its business, with each employee—from CEO to cleaning crew—evaluated on their contribution towards these environmental goals. Bentley Prince Street also offers a Cool Carpet™ option to customers, which allows for the offset of all GHG impacts associated with the life of the product through the purchase of certified emissions reduction credits. Worldwide, Interface companies have sold more than 15 million square yards of Cool Carpet since the program's inception in 2003. The company has also set a goal to make its entire product line climate neutral by 2010.

**Dr. Jonathan Pershing** – Dr. Pershing currently leads the World Resources Institute's Climate, Energy and Pollution Program, which continues to develop the GHG Protocol framework, in partnership with WBCSD, which serves as the basis for the Registry and other corporate GHG accounting protocols. Dr. Pershing is a thought-leader on emissions trading, energy technology and the evolving architecture of international climate agreements, and is an advisor in both US and international climate change policy work. Prior to joining WRI, Dr. Pershing was head of the Energy and Environment Division of the International Energy Agency (IEA) in Paris. Dr. Pershing served in the Office of Global Change, U.S. Department of State, first as science advisor, then Deputy Director. He was a key US negotiator for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol, led delegations to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and helped create bridges between the Administration and the scientific and technical communities in support of government policymaking. From his State post, Dr. Pershing was actively involved in shaping U.S. climate change policy, including the U.S. Initiative on Joint Implementation, and the U.S. National Action Plan.

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Appreciation Awards were also presented by the California Climate Action Registry staff to recognize individuals whose help and dedication has been invaluable over the last year. Recipients included: Anne Baker (Cal/EPA), Obadiah Bartholomy (SMUD), Florence Daviet (WRI), Heather Kaplan (NESCAUM), Cindy Parsons (LADWP) and Roy Wood (Eastman Kodak Company).

**The California Climate Action Registry** is a non-profit public/private partnership that serves as a voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) registry to protect, encourage, and promote early actions to reduce GHG emissions. Over 75 major companies, cities, government agencies and NGOs measure and publicly report their GHG emissions through the Registry. [www.climateregistry.org](http://www.climateregistry.org)

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