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Safety Center honors PG&E Better Together Energy Academy Program

Sacramento, CA (February 1, 2018) – California’s clean energy future is looking bright for the next generation of the energy sector workforce. The Better Together Energy Academy Program, sponsored by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), provides hands-on industry experience, project based learning, industry certifications and a leg-up on developing a professional resume for high school students. This innovative first-of-its-kind training program first caught the eye of Safety Center in 2014 when the request came in to facilitate traffic control trainings for the academy’s internship program. Since that time more than 400 students from five California high schools have participated in the internship program. In addition to traffic control these students have gained certifications in OSHA-10 and CPR.

Senior Vice President of Workplace Safety Training at Safety Center, Jerry Bach said, “This program is providing the tools and training needed so that tomorrow’s workforce has a strong foundation of safety. At Safety Center we strive to keep employees safe on the job, so that they go home injury free and healthy each day. We are proud to partner with PG&E on this program and want to recognize their contributions to a safer workforce.”

PG&E Better Together Energy Academy Program was selected as the recipient of the 2017 Excellence in Safety Award to be presented on February 1, 2018 at Safety Center’s Annual Regulatory Update Symposium. Representatives from PG&E and The NEED Project, who work with PG&E to deliver the program, will receive the award in front of an assembly of northern California safety professionals and representatives from Cal/OSHA.



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“Nothing is more important to the men and women of PG&E than safety. It’s the bedrock of our culture. That’s what makes this recognition so meaningful to us. By working with our partners, like The NEED Project and our local high schools, together we can instill this value in our young people and future workforce. We are grateful to the Safety Center for their ongoing partnership and for today’s honor,” said Stephanie Isaacson, director of community relations for PG&E.

For more information on PG&E’s Better Together Energy Academy:

www.pge.com/stemhighschools For more information on the The NEED Project:

www.need.org/about

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