



NV Energy receives state's first ESGR Extraordinary Employer Support Award

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LAS VEGAS – Nevada's primary electricity provider, NV Energy, became the state's first organization to receive the Employer Support of Guard and Reserve's Extraordinary Employer Support Award during the company's annual shareholder meeting here at the Smith Center for the Performing Arts in May.

The Extraordinary Employer Support Award is the most prestigious award granted by ESGR. Only companies that have previously received the Secretary of Defense Freedom Award or the Pro Patria Award are eligible for it. Since the establishment of the Extraordinary Employer Support Award in 2006, only six organizations have received it. NV Energy is the seventh company to receive the award and the first headquartered in Nevada.

"NV Energy has set the bar for businesses across the country with its ongoing support and recognition of its Citizen-Soldiers," said retired Nevada Air Guard Col. Dave Cantrell, chairman of Nevada's ESGR. "NV Energy has created a corporate atmosphere of unwavering military support through its human resources policies, its recognition of Guard and reserve military members at internal events and in its newsletter and holiday messages, and with its numerous care packages to deployed units around the globe."

About 200 shareholders watched as NV Energy president and chief executive officer Michael Yackira accepted the award from Cantrell and retired Sgt. Maj. Bruce Barnes, a current employee at NV Energy as well as an ESGR ombudsman. The award presentation was also broadcast via a webcast.

Brig. Gen. Bill Burks, the adjutant general for Nevada, and State Command Sgt. Maj. Daryl Keithley presented Yackira and NV Energy state military awards for their ongoing support of the Nevada Guard following the ESGR presentation. Representatives from the Army and Navy reserves also recognized NV Energy for its military support.

Also attending the ceremony was Brig. Gen. Francis "Frank" Gonzales, commander of the Nevada Army Guard who is also the NV Energy vice president of distribution operations.

NV Energy has more than 3,000 employees and provides a wide range of energy services to Nevada's 2.4 million citizens throughout a region of 46,000 square miles. NV Energy



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Company President Michael Yackira, center, accepts the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Extraordinary Employer Support Award on behalf of NV Energy from a contingent of military representatives in May in Las Vegas. Yackira is flanked by Nevada adjutant general Brig. Gen. Bill Burks, left, and Nevada Army Guard commander Brig. Gen. Frank Gonzales. NV Energy is the first Nevada-based company to receive the prestigious award.

received the Freedom Award in 2007 during a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is a Department of Defense operational

committee that was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between reserve-component service members and civilian employers. ■

2012-2013 Nevada ESGR Awards

Extraordinary Employer Support Award
NV ENERGY

Pro Patria Award
Arcata Associates
JT3

Above and Beyond Award
Sandia National Laboratories
Hycroft Resources and Development
Great Basin Gold
Barrick Cortez Mines, Underground Division
International Game Technology
Lowe's Store No. 1537
Burgarello Alarm, Inc.
Network Heroes
International Minerals
Gastroenterology Consultants
Milan Institute of Cosmetology
Sin City Vapor
Lemper Pain Centers

CRS Services, Limited
Aristocrat Technologies
The Travelers Companies, Inc.
Mandalay Bay
Southwest Career and Technical Academy
Team 5 Foundation
Bank of America
Nordstrom
New York, New York Hotel and Casino
Expeditionary Systems
Evaluation Division
Realty One Group
Reddaway

Seven Seals Award
Hollister Mine Rescue Team
Nevada Attorney General's Office
Washoe County Sheriff's Office
Nevada Matters Media
HomeGate Realty of Nevada
University of Nevada, Reno

FedEx Express
Pirate's Pizza
Bellagio
The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas
Transition Careers
McDonald's
Findlay Chevrolet
City of Reno
City of Sparks
The Chamber

Freedom Award Nominees
Arcata Associates
Aspen Management
Barrick Gold Corporation
Holiday Systems International
JT3
Maverick Helicopters
National Security Technologies, LLC
Newmont Mining Corporation
Nevada Office of the Military
Colorado Belle