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Butte County tech businesses wanted for innovation awards

The Sacramento Regional Technology Alliance, known as SARTA, is seeking nominations for its 2015 innovator of the year awards in the Sacramento region, which includes Butte County. Applications in ag tech, clean tech, high tech and medical technology will be accepted. Applicants' invention or product must be in commercial use or approved for use.

The awards recognize individuals whose innovative and high-impact inventions, products or designs have transformed some important aspect of their respective technology sectors, according to Sacramento-based SARTA.

The deadline is Oct. 23, and winners will be announced Dec. 1. Applications and information are available at www.techconsacramento.com

SARTA is a nonprofit organization that works to accelerate the development of the technology sector in the region, which includes Butte, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Solano, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties.

Ag award

Lucero Olive Oil of Corning has won a gold medal in an olive oil competition in Jerusalem, Israel.

Lucero's garlic olive oil was among the winners at the recent three-day Terra Olivo Mediterranean International Olive Oil Competition.

In celebration of the award, the company plans to make a donation to local ag education programs.

The olive oil producer offers free mill tours and tastings from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, and more information is available at www.LuceroOliveOil.com The company also has a variety of recipes on its website.

Capital workshop

Information on new sources of capital for rural economic development and capacity building will be

offered by nonprofit 3CORE of Chico.

The workshop will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 15 at Chico Family Masonic Lodge, 1110 W. East Ave. The cost is \$35. Reservations can be made by calling 893-8732 or emailing cfarrell@3coreedc.org This workshop is in partnership with the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank and the Northern California Community Loan Fund, according to 3CORE.

Recognition

Northern California National Bank has again received a five-star rating from Bauer Financial Inc., a national bank rating company.

The Chico-based bank noted in a press release that it has received the five-star rating for 22 consecutive quarters since March 2010, according to interim President/CEO Todd Lewis.

Bauer rates banks on various criteria, with the five star is its highest.

Moving Forward covers information, announcements and changes in businesses in Butte, Glenn and Tehama counties. Send information to: Business Editor, Chico Enterprise-Record, P.O. Box 9, Chico 95927 or fax to 342-3617 or e-mail to lurseny@chicoer.com Please include a contact name and phone number.

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