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**Congratulations Bob Neath of Kern Transit**

**2015 Darrel Hildebrand Distinguished Leadership Award Recipient**

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — On March 3, 2016, Kern Council of Governments (COG) hosted its 2015 Regional Award of Merit Reception at Seven Oaks Country Club in Bakersfield, California. Bob Neath, Engineering Manager at Kern Transit, received the prestigious Darrel Hildebrand Distinguished Leadership award for public officials.

Award-winner Bob Neath commented, "I'm flattered to be honored with this award, but I'm most proud of our organization and the positive impact we've been able to have in communities throughout Kern County."

"Bob leads by example. He works hard to make life in Kern County better for our community members," explained Lynn Brooks, Bob's supervisor in Project Engineering for Kern County. Co-worker Denise Haynes added, "Bob is an excellent leader and mentor to our entire team here at Kern Transit."

This was the 24<sup>th</sup> Regional Award of Merit ceremony hosted by Kern Council of Governments. These awards honor individuals and organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life in Kern County through innovative, cooperative, and regional planning efforts.

**Kern Council of Governments** is an association of city and county governments primarily created to address regional transportation issues. Its member agencies include the County of Kern and its 11 incorporated cities.

**Kern Transit**, a division of Kern County Public Works, is responsible for public transit in Kern County, providing inter-regional bus service across Kern County. Kern Transit connects the communities of Kern County with both fixed routes and demand-response service, also known as Dial-A-Ride, in most communities. Learn more about Kern Transit at [www.kerntransit.com](http://www.kerntransit.com) or call 800-323-2396.

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