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Combustion Associates, Inc. (CAI) of Corona, California Receives Presidential "E" Award for Exports

CAI was awarded the Presidential "E" Award for Exports by U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Gary Locke at the Department's headquarters in Washington, D.C last month. The "E" Awards are the highest recognition any U.S. entity may receive for making a significant contribution to the expansion of U.S. exports.

"Exporting continues to be the foundation of our sales growth, and we are honored to receive the "E" Award," said Mukund Kavia, CAI's President and CEO. "When we first began exporting in 1995, export sales accounted for 10 percent of our total sales. "Over the past four years, our export sales have grown to nearly 90 percent of our total sales, enabling us to sustain and create jobs as well as move our operations to a brand new larger facility."

CAI has demonstrated a consistent growth in exports of modular power plants and growth in job creation and quality of life in the countries it does business with. CAI credits part of its success to working proactively with the US Commercial Services Ontario office and proven 4-year track record for reaching international markets. The company has implemented its single mission of providing outstanding custom-engineered solutions in Energy, Process and Environmental Systems and to building long-term relationships.

U.S. Exports to Double by 2015

"Exports are a key driver of America's economic recovery," said Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke. "President Obama's National Export Initiative (NEI), which aims to double U.S. exports by 2015 in support of several million American jobs, is a robust, forward-looking trade agenda with an emphasis on domestic job growth. CAI is being honored today for making significant contributions toward fulfilling that agenda."



"I congratulate you on your significant export achievement. It is businesses like yours that will help us meet or exceed the President's NEI goals. Your firm provides an example we hope more American companies will follow," Locke added.

About "E" Award

U.S. companies are nominated for the "E" Awards through the U.S. Commercial Service office network in 108 U.S. cities and more than 75 countries which helps U.S. companies' export. Criteria for the award is based on four years of successive export growth, usually accompanied by a rising percentage of export sales within total sales. An applicant's demonstration of an innovative international marketing plan is a significant factor in making the award. All nominations are reviewed by the "E" Award Committee, which is chaired by the Dept of Commerce, and includes representatives from ExIm Bank, and the Departments of Labor, State, and Transportation. President Kennedy revived the World War II "E" symbol of Excellence to honor and provide recognition to America's exporters. Thus, the "E" Award Program was established by Executive Order 10978 on December 5, 1961.

A total of 27 U.S. companies were presented with the "E" Award at the May 16, 2011 World Trade Week ceremonies in Washington DC.

About CAI

CAI, located in Corona, California, is a manufacturer and systems integrator of modular Electric Power Plants. The CAI Spirit 1, 3, 5 and 10 Mega Watt line of Gas Turbine Generators are designed for scalability, easy to transport and install, saving construction time and costs. These units have multiple fuel options, including green fuels for added environmental benefit. CAI power plants come in simple, combined heat and power as well as cogeneration cycles for added fuel efficiency. CAI power plants are used by public and private sectors globally where there is a need for reliable, continuous 24/7 electric power either connected to the national grid or distributed generation. CAI also specializes in Renewable "Green" Energy projects such as Waste to Energy and Landfill Gas to Energy Systems.

Over its 20 years history, CAI has won the following Federal & State Awards:

- *2009 Spirit of the Entrepreneur Award for Technology - CSUSB*
- *2009 Exporter of the Year Award for Sub-Saharan Africa – US ExIm Bank*
- *2008 National Minority Person of the Year Award – US Dept of Commerce*
- *2007 Vendor Excellence Award – US Department of Defense*
- *2006 National Exporter of the Year Award – US SBA*

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