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## *The City of South San Francisco For Immediate Release*

### **City of South San Francisco Honored with Beacon Spotlight Awards**

*Wins Include Gold Level Energy Savings and Silver Level Sustainability  
Best Practices*

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Sep. 30, 2016** - The City of South San Francisco is pleased to announce it was named a Beacon Spotlight Award winner in the Gold Level "Energy Savings" and Silver Level "Sustainability Best Practices" categories. The Beacon Spotlight Awards are issued by the Beacon Program, a statewide initiative recognizing cities and counties working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save energy, and adopt policies that promote sustainability.

"South San Francisco is working hard to reduce energy usage, to operate more efficiently and to build environmentally sustainable practices into our everyday operations," said Mike Futrell, City Manager of the City of South San Francisco. "The Beacon Spotlight Award is a high honor and validates the great work by city staff to conserve resources and to adopt sustainable practices across all city operations. Congratulations to the staff and to the City for this achievement."

#### ***Making South San Francisco the "Gold Standard" for Energy Savings***

This year, the City of South San Francisco's dedicated efforts to save energy across departments have resulted in a 19 percent reduction in municipal energy use. The City implemented energy-efficient practices including:

- Installed solar panels and an energy management system,
- Implemented a co-generation engine system and high-efficiency turbo blower at the Water Quality Control Plant, and
- Upgraded City facilities to use energy-efficient lights and boiler replacements.

#### ***South San Francisco's Next Level Sustainability Best Practices***

Taking an aggressive approach to adopting more sustainable practices throughout the City has resulted in significant conservation results for South San Francisco.

Among the efforts include:

- Stringent measures to reduce water use at city-maintained landscapes and public facilities, resulting in a 57 percent reduction in municipal water savings.
- Aircraft Noise Insulation Program, benefiting homes located near the airport by increasing efficiency of retrofitted homes by 30 percent.
- Adoption of a construction and demolition recycling ordinance to reduce construction waste. The ordinance requires 100 percent of inert waste and 65 percent of non-inert waste to be recycled from all eligible projects.
- Installation of electric vehicle (EV) chargers in the downtown public parking structure.
- Joining the Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) Program, offering residents and businesses the option to purchase electricity from clean and renewable sources. It's estimated the City will save nearly \$60,000 per year by switching to PCE.
- Enforcement of the City's Transportation Demand Management ordinance which seeks to reduce the amount of traffic generated by non-residential development, and requires to providing of alternatives to commuting via single-occupancy vehicles.
- Recent entitlement of over 500 transit-oriented development units in close proximity of the Caltrain station, along with the City's fully funded and designed project to upgrade and reconfigure the South San Francisco Caltrain Station for enhanced public access. Construction on the new Caltrain station will start in 2017.

The City of South San Francisco will be recognized for its leadership in energy savings and sustainability at an awards ceremony held in conjunction with the League of California Cities Annual Conference in Long Beach, California, on October 6, 2016.

### ***About South San Francisco***

The City of South San Francisco proudly remains *The Industrial City*, a reflection of its steel mill and ship building past, redefined to reflect the innovative, entrepreneurial and industrious spirit which has made South San Francisco the Biotech Capital of the World, with 211 active biotech companies and growing. A vibrant community of 64,585 residents, South San Francisco enjoys a high quality of life with an extensive public parks system, active library and learning programming and a dynamic, engaged community making South San Francisco a great place to live, learn, work and play.

### ***About the Beacon Program & Spotlight Awards***

The Beacon Program is sponsored by the Institute for Local Government and the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative. The Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative (SEEC) provides support to cities and counties to help them reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save energy. SEEC is an alliance between three statewide non-profit organizations and California's four investor-owned utilities. It builds upon the unique resources, expertise and local agency relationships of each partner.