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## **Energy Northwest Employees Honored by AWB for Community Service**

**RICHLAND, Wash.** – The Association of Washington Business recognized Energy Northwest – owner and operator of the Northwest’s only nuclear power facility – and seven other Washington employers in a ceremony on Tuesday for their important and enduring service to others.

Energy Northwest employees were honored with the AWB 2014 Community Service Award for their more than 30-year commitment to the Benton-Franklin Head Start program. CEO Mark Reddemann attended the meeting and accepted the award on behalf of EN employees.

Reddemann praised employees for their participation in the program: “To sustain a voluntary program for more than 30 years speaks to the caliber of people we have at Energy Northwest. Thank you for making this program a success and for what you do to help children in our community.”

A short video shown at the awards ceremony featured Dale Atkinson, vice president, Energy Services and Development, talking about what the program has meant to employees and the more than 10,000 children who have been served.

A news release from AWB stated: “This year’s award winners give back in a variety of ways, paying for their employees to work in local community service projects or overseas travel for service projects. Their sponsorship of educational programs helps students move ahead with important life goals. At Christmas they help the holiday come alive for those in need, and throughout the year, they support dozens of local improvement efforts.”

Other award recipients include a small coastal hardware store chain, an international shipping company, and a fruit distributor that sends its workers across the world to lend a hand. The awards were presented at The Davenport Hotel in Spokane during AWB’s annual Spring Meeting.

Formed in 1904, the Association of Washington Business is Washington’s oldest and largest statewide business association, and includes more than 8,100 members representing 700,000 employees. AWB serves as both the state’s chamber of commerce and the manufacturing and technology association.



**About Energy Northwest**

*Energy Northwest develops, owns and operates a diverse mix of electricity generating resources, including hydro, solar and wind projects – and the Northwest’s only nuclear power facility. These projects provide enough reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible energy to power more than a million homes each year, and that carbon-free electricity is provided at the cost of generation. As a Washington state, not-for-profit joint operating agency, Energy Northwest comprises 27 public power member utilities from across the state serving more than 1.5 million ratepayers. The agency continually explores new generation projects to meet its members’ needs.*

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