



Exemplary Innovation Award

The winner of this award demonstrates strong innovative and responsive contributions to economic and workforce development within a region or statewide. The award brings statewide and professional recognition to those projects and programs that have made significant contributions to the field of economic and workforce development through the community colleges. The project can be replicated at other sites around the state.

2009 Exemplary Innovation Award:

Long Beach City College – Center for Advanced Transportation, Technology & Energy

- ▶ **The Port of Long Beach (Partner)**
- ▶ **Westport Fuel Innovations, Inc. (Partner)**
- ▶ **Kenworth Trucks (Partner)**
- ▶ **Cabrillo High School and Long Beach Unified School District (Partner)**

Long Beach City College's very successful LNG Heavy Truck Technician Training Program started in July of 2008, and has resulted in a "first of its kind" Certified Westport LNG ISX technician training program developed by LBCC/ATTEi faculty. A total of 60 incumbent technicians have been trained through contract education, and a high school pathway built where 26 at-risk students passed a college class.

There was no training in the new LNG alternative fuels engine before the team worked with Westport to design one. The trucks were arriving at the dealerships and no one knew how to service or repair this new engine. Then the creation of the LNG Heavy Truck Technician Training Program began.

Exemplary Innovation Award – Other Nominations Received:

- ▶ Butte Community College
- ▶ Chaffey College
- ▶ Cosumnes River College
- ▶ Fresno City College
- ▶ Merced College
- ▶ Riverside City College
- ▶ San Jose / Evergreen Community College District