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## **South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce Awarded with the Air Force Space Command Community Support Award**

The South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (SBACC), representing 18 local chambers of commerce, has been named recipient of the 2016 Air Force Space Command Community Support Award for support to the mission and personnel of the Space and Missiles Command Center and the Los Angeles Air Force base (LAAFB) in El Segundo.

“We are very pleased to be recognized for this year’s award working closely with the Space and Missile System Center (SMC) and the LAAFB. Together, with our organization and the entire South Bay community, we work on initiatives that strengthen the partnership we have enjoyed for over 37 years,” said Dan Hoffman, chair of the SBACC Board.

The award, established in February 2015, recognizes the community which provided the most significant mission and installation needs to support to an Air Force Space Command base from June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2016. Four communities – Aurora, Colorado; Cocoa Beach, Florida; Colorado Springs, Colorado; and the South Bay area of Los Angeles County, California – submitted nominations to the Colorado Springs Military Affairs Council as sponsoring organization for the 2016 award.

A panel of judges representing the submitting communities and Air Force Space Command staff evaluated the nominations on five key factors: community size and support resources; base and unit complexity and support needs; actual community programs and activities supporting the unit mission and personnel; endorsements; and community support recognition through awards and media coverage. “In every case, the SBACC’s active relationship with the LAAFB and SMC rose above the effort of these other communities who applied for the award”, according to Michael G. Jackson, who chairs the SBACC’s Base Retention Advisory Council, and former

chairman of the SBACC Board.

“We are very proud of the role we play here in the South Bay, which has been home to the Southern California aerospace community since the 1950’s when TRW made its home here in Redondo Beach, which is now part of Northrop Grumman,” Jackson added.

An award ceremony and trophy presentation will be scheduled by Space Command in Colorado Springs later this year.