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Governors' Gold Awards to Celebrate Greatness in Oregonians

**Governors: John Kitzhaber, Theodore Kulongoski, Barbara Roberts and Victor Atiyeh
Special Guests: Gert Boyle, Pat Reser, Kerry Tymchuk and Gerry Frank**

Portland, OR – The Governors' Gold Awards present by Aequitas Capital Management and benefiting Special Olympics Oregon is an annual high-profile, corporate and community, invitation-only dinner event to recognize individuals, companies, organizations and communities that have contributed to the "greatness" of Oregon. During the event "The Oregon Experience Auction" features an exciting array of auction packages which showcase extraordinary products and gifts that can only be found in Oregon.

When: October 11th, 2011 – 5:00 p.m. Auction and Reception; 6:30p.m. Dinner and Program

Where: The Oregon Ballroom, Oregon Convention Center

The 2010 Governors' Gold Awards Recipients:

Ken and Joan Austin.

Co-Founders, A-dec, Inc.

**Oregon Restaurant &
Lodging Association**

Steve McCoid, President and CEO

The Al and Pat Reser Civic

Leadership Award:

Dick Withnell, Chairman of the Board,
Withnell Motor Company

Precision Castparts Corp.

Mark Donegan, Chairman and CEO
Steve G. Hackett, President and COO
Investment Cast Products

WIEDEN+KENNEDY

Dan Wieden, Co-Founder

Special Achievement Award:

Jean M. Auel, International Best-Selling Author

About Special Olympics Oregon:

Every Day. Every Month. Every Year. Special Olympics Oregon is serving thousands of individuals with intellectual disabilities through participation in Olympic-style sports. Through our signature sports programs, athletes gain self-confidence, social competency and other enhanced skills giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community. For more information on how to volunteer, coach, donate or become an athlete please visit www.soor.org.

Media Availability:

Photo and interview opportunities with the recipients and other dignitaries are available to members of the media. Please contact Ryan Avery at 503.248.0600 ext. 29 or 409.200.4774 (Cell) or via email ravery@soor.org for **Media Pass** and other information. Please visit: www.governorsgoldawards.com for event information.