Two companies, a ranching couple, an Oregon National Guard leader and a cycling organization have received Governor's Gold Awards for their contributions to Oregon.

The awards are made annually at a banquet that raises money for Special Olympics Oregon.

The individual winners were Col. (Ret.) Scott McCrae, director of the Oregon National Guard Reintegration Team, which helps soldiers returning from combat duty; and Doc and Connie Hatfield, eastern Oregon ranchers who founded Oregon Country Beef.

Cycle Oregon, which was founded by Jonathan Nicholas, now an editorial writer for The Oregonian, received the organization award for conducting an annual ride that has become one of the "state's signature events."

The business winners were Gerding Edlen Development for its "socially and environmentally responsible" projects, and SeQuential Biofuels, which has built the first biofuels production facility in the state in partnership with Pacific Biodiesel.

Gov. Ted Kulongoski presented the awards Dec. 7 at the Oregon Convention Center.

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