Eighteen Leaders Nominated for 2015 Harry S. Hertz Leadership Award

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Eighteen highly qualified nominees are under consideration for the 2015 Harry S. Hertz Leadership Award, which officially launched the selection phase earlier this week. Nominees come from all sectors including: six in the service category, three in manufacturing, four in healthcare, three in higher education, and one each in the non-profit and government categories. Each year, the Harry S. Hertz Leadership Award (HSHLA) recognizes an outstanding leader who serves as a role model through personal commitment to performance excellence and inspirational leadership in their organization.

“The Harry S. Hertz Leadership Award embodies the very best qualities of servant leadership,” said Al Faber, President and CEO of The Baldrige Foundation. “While no one person in an organization can be credited with the achievement of excellence, this award recognizes and sets forth role-model behaviors that inspire, encourage, challenge and empower others to lead performance excellence.”

“The award is both a source of enormous pride, and a source of considerable humility,” said Sister Mary Jean Ryan, 2014 HSHLA recipient and chairman of SSM Health Care. “Pride, because it bears the name of Harry Hertz whose dedication and commitment to the Baldrige Program is unparalleled and who is responsible for making Baldrige the most prestigious quality Award in the world. Humility, because, whatever success I’ve had, was because thousands of people at SSM Health Care lived our Mission and Values every day to provide exceptional care, and because the Franciscan Sisters of Mary gave us encouragement in all of our endeavors with powerful prayers.”

Recipients of the award are selected by a committee of nine judges. The criteria for selection are based on the nominee’s exemplar behavior personifying the HSHLA characteristics, derived from the Baldrige Criteria Core Values: visionary leadership, customer-focused excellence, organizational and personal learning, valuing workforce members and partners, agility, managing for innovation, management by fact, societal responsibility, focus on results and creating value, and systems perspective.

The Harry S. Hertz Leadership Award Process is administered by the Baldrige Foundation. The winner of the HSHLA will be announced the week of November 17, 2014. The 2015 HSHLA Recipient will be publicly recognized at the annual Quest for Excellence® conference being held April 13-15, 2015 in Baltimore, Maryland. To watch a video of the first presentation of the award to Harry Hertz, go to: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzeEf7dtRxc.

About The Foundation for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

The Mission of the Baldrige Foundation is to ensure the long-term financial growth and viability of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, and to support organizational performance excellence in the United States and throughout the world. The Harry S. Hertz Leadership Award is made possible through sponsorships and donations to the Baldrige Foundation. To help us secure the future of the award, please contact Kellie Glenn, Major Gifts Director, at (202)-285-1334 or kglenn@baldrigefoundation.org. For more information about the Baldrige Foundation, visit www.baldrigefoundation.org.