

# Toyota's TABC Plant Celebrates 40 Years of Manufacturing in California

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LONG BEACH, Calif. (August 21, 2012) – Toyota Auto Body California, Inc., (TABC), Toyota's first manufacturing investment in the U.S., today celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with team members, government and community officials, suppliers and executives.

TABC, originally known as Atlas Fabricators, contracted with Toyota in 1972 to produce truck beds for vehicles destined for the U.S. Two years later, Toyota purchased the operations and renamed it TABC, becoming the first manufacturing investment in the U.S. for Toyota.

Today, TABC employs 470 and its investment tops \$270 million. It produces stamped and welded parts, steering columns and catalytic converters for a number of Toyota's vehicle assembly plants in North America and Japan and tests, inspects and repackages end-of-life hybrid vehicle batteries.

"The spirit of family is what makes TABC unique," said Atsushi Niimi, executive vice president and member of the board of Toyota Motor Corporation. "As our first manufacturing plant in the U.S., TABC's rich history represents Toyota's commitment to outstanding teamwork and continuous improvement."

"TABC has played a vital role in Toyota's formula for success in the U.S.," said Mike Bafan, president of TABC. "And our mission was clear; to set the stage for Toyota's growth by building the best products. And over these 40 years, we have proven ourselves as a world-class manufacturer with an outstanding workforce that's dedicated to safety and quality."

To commemorate its 40th anniversary as a member of the Long Beach community, TABC made donations to each of the following non-profit organizations:

## **Recipient of \$35,000 gift through joint sponsorship with Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. and Toyota Financial Services:**

- o California Conference for Equality and Justice (CCEJ)

## **Recipients of Toyota vehicles:**

- o Children Today (*Toyota Sienna*)
- o United Friends of the Children (*Toyota Sienna*)

## **Recipients of \$5,000 gift:**

- o Academic Uprise
- o American Red Cross
- o Assistance League of Long Beach
- o Boys & Girls Club of Long Beach
- o Conservation Corps of Long Beach
- o Special Olympics of Southern California

**Recipients of \$5,000 Toyota scholarships gift:**

- o California State University Long Beach
- o Long Beach City College

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