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2020 Alabama Performance Excellence Award Winners Announced

The Board of Directors for the Alabama Performance Excellence Program today announced 4 organizations as recipients of the 2020 Alabama Performance Excellence Awards (ALPEX), the state's honor for quality and performance excellence.

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Recipients of the Tier 2 Award- **Progress Toward Excellence** are *Athens Limestone Hospital*, Athens, AL in the Healthcare category and *Selma City Schools*, Selma, AL in the Education category.

The Tier 1- **Commitment to Excellence** was awarded to *Huntsville Utilities*, Huntsville, AL and *Kelley Health Holdings* of Jasper.

The awards will be presented virtually during ceremonies later in the Spring.

The Alabama Performance Excellence Program is modeled after the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. ALPEX recognizes and honors organizations that use effective productivity and quality improvement strategies, techniques or practices which can be shared with other organizations to help contribute to the overall economic well-being in the state of Alabama.

The award is based upon performance criteria that include the following: excellence in leadership; strategic planning; attention to customers and other stakeholders; market focus; process management; and analysis of organizational performance. Companies use the criteria as a self assessment tool to determine at which Tier of the ALPEX Awards they should apply.

For most organizations, the most valuable aspect of going through the award process is the feedback that an organization receives, both external and internal. Externally, the award process provides an audit of whether the organization is doing the right things the right way. Internally, the process forces an organization to do a self assessment by going through the steps of preparing an application.

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