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Yuma Regional Medical Center Honored with Performance Excellence Award

PHOENIX, AZ (December 3, 2018) – The Southwest Alliance for Excellence (SWAE), announced today the recipient of the 2018 Performance Excellence Program *Pioneer Award for Excellence!*

The annual Performance Excellence Program recognizes organizations for excellence in quality, performance, and outcomes. The program, modeled after the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, provides not only an opportunity for recognition, but also valuable feedback on where an organization is positioned on the quality continuum.

Awards will be presented at a banquet to be held in Mesa on February 6, 2019.

Additional information about the Awards is available at www.swae.org or by calling 480-874-5815.

Yuma Regional Medical Center received the Level 3 *Achievement Award* last year and this year has improved to meet the requirements of the Level 4 *Pioneer Award for Excellence*.

Yuma Regional Medical Center is a 406-bed, not-for-profit hospital dedicated to providing outstanding medical care to the residents of Yuma and the surrounding communities in southwestern Arizona. The YRMC team includes over 2,000 employees, 500 physicians and hundreds of volunteers who work closely together to create a welcoming, caring, and compassionate environment for patients and their families.

The *Pioneer Award for Excellence Award* recognizes organizations that demonstrate effective, systematic approaches that are aligned with the organizational needs. Deployment may vary in some areas. Results show good performance and comparative & trend data are available for some important results areas. Some beneficial trends are evident.

“SWAE is proud to continue empowering organizations to pursue performance excellence, improve outcomes and contribute to the economic strength of their community and state. This evaluation process and feedback is one of the best methodologies available to develop a higher level of organizational performance, said Karen Shepard, Executive Director of the Southwest Alliance for Excellence.”

Established in 1990, The **Southwest Alliance for Excellence** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that advances improvement and excellence in organizations, communities and individuals throughout Arizona, Nevada and Utah by using the Baldrige Criteria.