

## Houston Business Journal's Women in Energy Leadership Awards

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## See who attended HBJ's Women in Energy Leadership Awards event

Nearly 400 businesspeople joined the Houston Business Journal to celebrate the inaugural Women in Energy Leadership Award honorees last week.

The event was held at The Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa on Oct. 20. Click here to see the photo gallery from the event.



Click here to read the Women in Energy Leadership Awards special section from HBJ's Oct. 23 weekly edition. The section has been unlocked for all readers thanks to a special sponsorship from Pannell Kerr Forster of Texas PC (PKF Texas) and Joint Venture Strategic Advisors (JVSA).

A panel of judges selected HBJ's inaugural Women in Energy Leadership honorees based on their career achievement in energy, contribution to company success, community involvement and leadership. Applicants had to be based in the Houston area and employed in a leadership position.

The judging panel included <u>Crystal Ashby</u>, former executive vice president of government and public affairs for BP; <u>John Hofmeister</u>, former president of Shell Oil Co. who is on numerous boards, including Lufkin Industries; <u>Becky Klein</u>, principal at Klein Energy LLC and chair of Power Across Texas; <u>Katie Mehnert</u>, the founder and CEO of Pink Petro; and <u>Peggy Montana</u>, who just retired from her position of CEO of Shell Midstream Partners. Judges recused from voting on an executive if there was a conflict of interest.

## **About NextDecade Corporation**

NextDecade is an LNG development company primarily focused on LNG export projects and associated pipelines in Texas. NextDecade intends to develop a portfolio of LNG projects, including the 27 mtpa Rio Grande LNG export facility in Brownsville, Texas and the 4.5 Bcf/d Rio Bravo Pipeline that would transport natural gas from the Agua Dulce area to Rio Grande LNG. NextDecade's common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol "NEXT." NextDecade is headquartered in Houston, Texas.

Located at the Port of Brownsville in South Texas, NextDecade's Rio Grande LNG project is expected to be a leader among second wave U.S. LNG projects. NextDecade believes its customers and shareholders will benefit from the project's experienced leadership, proven approach, and optimal location. NextDecade's technology selections are expected to foster operational reliability and afford NextDecade's customers access to abundant natural gas from the Permian Basin, Eagle Ford Shale, and other basins.

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of U.S. federal securities laws. The words "believe," "expect," "intend," "plan," "potential," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, and these statements may relate to the business of the Company and its subsidiaries. These statements have been based on the Company's current assumptions, expectations, and projections about future events and involve a number of known and unknown risks, which may cause actual results to differ materially from expectations expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. These risks include uncertainties about the Company's Rio Grande LNG and Rio Bravo pipeline projects and other matters discussed in the "Risk Factors" section of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and other subsequent reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Any development of the projects remain contingent upon completing required commercial agreements; acquiring all necessary permits and approvals; securing all financing commitments and potential tax incentives; achieving other customary conditions; and making a final investment decision to proceed. The forward-looking statements in this press release speak as of the date of this release. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, the Company can give no assurance that the expectations will prove to be correct. The Company may from time to time voluntarily update its prior forward-looking statements, however, it disclaims any commitment to do so except as required by securities laws.

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