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# Rex W. Tillerson Recognized by Woodrow Wilson Center as Winner of 2010 Corporate Citizenship Award

- Corporate citizenship focus is education, empowerment of women, and combating malaria
- Tillerson thanks ExxonMobil employees for commitment to corporate citizenship
- ExxonMobil makes long-term investments as sustained commitment to strengthening local infrastructure

DALLAS--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Rex W. Tillerson](#), chairman and chief executive officer of [Exxon Mobil Corporation](#) (NYSE:XOM) has been named the 2010 recipient of the Award for Corporate Citizenship by the [Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars](#).

The award, presented at a ceremony in Dallas on Tuesday, recognizes ExxonMobil's long-standing commitment to [improving education in the United States](#), [promoting women as catalysts for economic development](#) and [combating malaria](#) in developing countries.

"I accept this award on behalf of the thousands of ExxonMobil employees who are responsible for the company's long-standing tradition of corporate citizenship," Tillerson said during his remarks at the event.

"We have seen first-hand how efforts to reduce poverty, improve health care and invest in education can help communities reach their potential. These are long-term investments, and the results are often not immediate. But with a sustained commitment to strengthening the local infrastructure, we know that communities and our business will be stronger as a result."

Tillerson said it is important to direct corporate citizenship efforts on what will truly be effective, noting that in some countries ExxonMobil's investments are focused on providing basic health care and medical support.

In Africa, where malaria devastates the lives of millions, ExxonMobil is helping provide life-saving bed nets, anti-malarial drugs and treatment programs. Over the past 10 years, ExxonMobil has committed \$150 million to community outreach programs in Africa, including \$55 million to programs to fight malaria, becoming the largest non-pharmaceutical corporate donor to malaria research and development efforts.

Another focus area for the company is the [Women's Economic Opportunity Initiative](#), which was created in 2005 to give women the access, skills and tools they need to participate in the economic life of their communities.

"In many developing countries, extreme poverty prevents people and communities from reaching their full potential," said Tillerson. "But we know through research that investing in

women is often a catalyst for economic and social change."

ExxonMobil has committed more than \$20 million in grants to its women's initiative, benefiting women from more than 64 developing countries through leadership and development programs.

Tillerson also discussed the company's corporate citizenship investments in the United States, highlighting the importance of education in preparing today's students for future success.

"Excellence in math, science, technology and engineering is the lifeblood of innovation," said Tillerson. "There is a direct correlation between excellence in math and science education and the ability of countries to successfully compete and prosper in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. As the leader of a company that relies on technology and innovation for every part of our business, I am concerned the United States is falling behind."

ExxonMobil's support for math and science education includes a \$125 million commitment to the [National Math and Science Initiative](#), an organization whose mission is to scale up programs that have been shown to boost math and science education in schools nationwide.

Other initiatives include the ExxonMobil Reasoning Mind Teacher Qualification Program, partnerships with former astronauts [Bernard Harris](#) and [Sally Ride](#) to encourage students to study math and science, and the [Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy](#), a partnership with PGA golfer Phil Mickelson and his wife, Amy, which has equipped more than 2,000 teachers with innovative tools to inspire students in math and science. Education is the largest program area for ExxonMobil's contributions.

"With combined efforts of business and government, we can inspire thousands of teachers and students, generate the brainpower and innovators needed to solve our energy and environmental challenges, and provide our entire nation with men and women who can build a future with brighter opportunities for all," Tillerson said.

The Woodrow Wilson Awards recognize leaders in government, business, science, the arts, and beyond who embrace openness, dialogue, and service in confronting the issues of their day on the local, national, and international levels. Since their inception more than ten years ago, the Awards have been presented in major cities across the United States and around the world.

About ExxonMobil

[Exxon Mobil Corporation](#) and ExxonMobil Foundation, the primary philanthropic arm of Exxon Mobil Corporation in the United States, engage in a range of philanthropic activities that advance education, health, women's economic leadership and public policy in the communities where ExxonMobil has significant operations. In the United States, ExxonMobil supports initiatives to improve math and science education at the K-12 and higher education levels. Globally, ExxonMobil provides funding to help women fulfill their economic potential and combat malaria and other infectious diseases in developing countries. Additional information on ExxonMobil's community partnerships and contributions programs is available at [www.exxonmobil.com/community](http://www.exxonmobil.com/community).

## About the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

[The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars](#), established by an act of the U.S. Congress in 1968 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is the living, national memorial to the United States' 28<sup>th</sup> president. The Wilson Center is one of three American institutions (along with the National Gallery of Art and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts) created by congressional statute to perform a national mission within the Smithsonian Institution and is governed by its own independent Board of Trustees appointed by the U.S. President.

A nonpartisan institution supported by public and private funds, the Center explores national and global issues through free, open, and informed dialogue. The Honorable Joseph B. Gildenhorn is chairman of the Board of Trustees, and previously served as U.S. ambassador to Switzerland (1983-1993). Lee H. Hamilton, president and director of the Woodrow Wilson Center, served as a member of Congress for 34 years and provided service as vice chairman of the independent 9/11 Commission. He also served as co-chairman of the Iraq Study Group with former Secretary of State James Baker.

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