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IEDC Celebrates 90-Year Anniversary
*Largest Economic Development Professional Membership Organization
Influences Global Community for Nine Decades*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 24, 2016) — The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) marks its 90th anniversary this year.

The organization became the world's foremost organization of economic developers when it was formed in 2001 by a merging of the American Economic Development Council (AEDC), formed in 1926, and the Council for Urban Economic Development (CUED), founded in 1967.

To commemorate its 90th anniversary, IEDC has launched 52 Weeks of Economic Developers, an interview series which will spotlight a different economic development professional each week in its weekly newsletters, "ED Now," "IEDC News," and on its website at iedconline.org/52weeks.

IEDC will also celebrate [Economic Development Week](#) May 8-14, which will consist of activities designed to recognize the efforts of economic developers in all corners of the world.

The Year of the Economic Developer celebration will culminate at its Annual Conference, held Sept. 25-28 in Cleveland, Ohio. IEDC Annual Conference is the world's largest gathering of economic developers, with over 1,000 in attendance.

"The economic development industry is more complex, challenging and rewarding than ever," Barry Matherly, CEcD, FM, IEDC Board Chair and Greater Richmond Partnership President, said. "This milestone anniversary comes with new opportunities to both become more effective in seeking opportunities for economic growth, better jobs for residents and an improved quality of life, as well as to equip emerging leaders with the knowledge needed to succeed."

In its 90th year, IEDC remains committed to serving economic developers around the globe and the communities that they jointly serve as beneficiaries. To keep the celebration going throughout the year, IEDC invites economic developers to use #YearofEconDev on social media outlets. More information about IEDC's 90th anniversary can be found at www.iedconline.org/90years.



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About the International Economic Development Council

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 4,700 members, IEDC is the largest organization of its kind. Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities, by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base. From public to private, rural to urban, and local to international, IEDC's members are engaged in the full range of economic development experience. Given the breadth of economic development work, our members are employed in a wide variety of settings including local, state, provincial and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other institutions. IEDC's members create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities and improve the quality of life in their regions. www.iedcONLINE.org.

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