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**Patrick O'Brien Honored with Leadership Award from the International Economic
Development Council**

*O'Brien will be presented the Federal Leadership in Economic Development Award at IEDC's
FED Forum*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 10, 2017) – Patrick O'Brien, Director of the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) at the U.S. Department of Defense, will be honored with IEDC's Federal Leadership in Economic Development Award at FED Forum on April 10.

The Federal Leadership in Economic Development Programs Award is presented annually to an individual within the federal government who succeeds in supporting economic development on a national scale, positively impacting the profession and bringing economic growth and job creation as a result.

O'Brien has served as Director of the OEA for 15 years, leading a team of project managers in assisting state and local economic adjustment efforts following military base closures and adjustments. OEA has provided more than \$2 billion in assistance to defense communities across the nation under O'Brien's leadership.

O'Brien is also the Executive Director for the Economic Adjustment Committee (EAC), a group of representatives from 22 federal agencies originally created by President Carter and updated in response to the round of base closures in 2005. Under O'Brien's leadership, the EAC coordinated the distribution of more than \$1.2 billion in federal assistance to communities affected by base closures and realignments over the past 20 years. He also oversees the Defense Industry Adjustment Program, which helps communities plan and respond to defense contract terminations and other public announcements of major reductions in spending.

The Federal Leadership in Economic Development Award will be presented at a luncheon on April 10 at IEDC's FED Forum in Washington, D.C., the only annual conference exclusively focused on federal economic development policy and programs. The event is held at the Washington Court Hotel April 9-11. More information can be found at www.iedconline.org/FEDForum.

About the International Economic Development Council

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 5,000 members, IEDC is the largest organization of its kind. Economic developers typically work for cities, counties, states, public private partnerships and chamber of commerce and 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.