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## **The International Economic Development Council Presents Excellence in Economic Development Awards**

WASHINGTON, DC (October 4, 2016) – The International Economic Development Council presented Excellence in Economic Development awards to dozens of organizations and individuals during the IEDC Annual Conference, which was held Sept. 25-28, in Cleveland, OH.

IEDC's Excellence in Economic Development Awards recognize the world's best economic development programs and partnerships, marketing materials, and the year's most influential leaders. These awards honor organizations and individuals for their efforts in creating positive change in urban, suburban, and rural communities.

The program honors were presented at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, Sept. 27, and Leadership awards were presented at a Recognition Dinner Monday, Sept. 26 during the IEDC Annual Conference.

“On behalf of the IEDC board of directors and Excellence in Economic Development Awards Advisory Committee, congratulations to all award winners. Not only did they work to provide a necessary service to their community; but also, their participation in the awards program sheds light on their stellar projects which other communities can now use as a benchmark.” - Barry Matherly, CEcD, FM, IEDC 2016 Board Chair, President & CEO of the Greater Richmond Partnership.

Organizations could enter projects in program award categories such as websites, print promotions, business retention and expansion programs, entrepreneurship programs and public-private partnerships. Individuals could be nominated for leadership awards such as the Jeffrey A. Finkle Organizational Leadership Award or the Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Economic Development, in honor of Edward deLuca.

“The awards process is a thorough, non-biased and multi-layered process. These are extraordinary accomplishments for all winners, and an overall great effort by all participants. We look forward to next year's awards competition,” Matherly said.

The full list of program award winners can be downloaded at <http://www.iedconline.org/web-pages/inside-iedc/previous-program-award-winners/>

### **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 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.

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