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### **2018 IEDC Awards Leaders for Honors and Leadership**

The 2018 Excellence for Economic Development Awards Selected Eleven Winners

Washington, DC (October 8, 2018) - The following individuals received IEDC's Excellence in Economic Development Awards in the categories of Leadership and Honorary.

“On behalf of the IEDC board of directors and Honorary Awards Committee, we congratulate our winners for achieving this well-deserved recognition. Their work has greatly enhanced the economic prosperity and quality of life for individuals and businesses in the communities he served. We can all aspire to emulate their successes and create meaningful changes in our own communities.”-Craig Richard, CEcD, FM, President and CEO, Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation located in Tampa, Florida, and 2018 IEDC Board Chair

#### **Fellow Member**

Fellow Member (FM) status is conferred upon active IEDC members who have attained unusual stature in the field of economic development and closely related disciplines. Unusual stature is defined as significant contributions to the profession through service to the Council and/or academic endeavors directly related to the practice of economic development.

Judy McKinney-Cherry  
Executive Director  
Schuyler County Partnership for Economic Development  
Watkins Glen, NY

Allison J. H. Thompson, CEcD, EDFP  
Economic Development Director  
City of Cedar Hill Economic Development Corporation  
Cedar Hill, TX

#### **Honorary Life Member Designation**

Honorary Life Member (HLM) status is conferred upon active and long standing IEDC members for their lifelong commitment to excellence in economic development.

Mark Lautman, CEcD, FM  
Owner  
Lautman Economic Architecture  
Albuquerque, NM

Noreen Krewer-Scott, CEcD, FM

Managing Member  
New Mexico Economic Catalyst Foundation  
Rio Rancho, NM

**Young Economic Developer of the Year**

This award recognizes outstanding achievement by a young, emerging leader in the economic development profession. Applicants must self-nominate and should detail their significant career achievements to date and the impact of those achievements on their economic development organization and the community as a whole, and also explain how they see these achievements contribute to the advancement of economic development as a profession.

Jamie Brätt, AICP, LEED AP  
Director of Planning and Economic Development  
City of Hartford  
Hartford, CT

**Citizen Leadership Award**

The Citizen Leadership Award is given to a community or business leader who has played a key leadership role in influencing economic development.

Charlie Chen CEO  
DFW Technology, Inc.  
Richardson, TX

**Leadership Award for Public Service**

The Leadership Award for Public Service recognizes an elected official who has been a committed advocate for economic development in the public sector for at least ten years.

The Honorable Richard Church, Jr.  
Mayor  
City of Miamisburg  
Miamisburg, OH

**Institutional Leadership Award**

The Institutional Leadership Award recognizes a leader of a community institution who has significantly contributed to his or her region in support of economic development.

Maurice Jones  
President and CEO  
Local Initiatives Support Corporation

New York, NY

**Jeffrey A. Finkle Organizational Leadership Award**

The Jeffrey A. Finkle Organizational Leadership Award recognizes an individual who has continuously led the same public or non-profit organization with integrity, tenacity, and philanthropic spirit for at least 15 years.

Jerry Mallot, CEcD  
President/Executive Vice President  
JAXUSA Partnership  
Jacksonville, FL

**Chairman's Award**

Each year, the International Economic Development Council selects an individual to receive the Chairman's Award for Lifetime Achievement in Economic Development. This award honors an individual who has been a long-time and influential leader in economic development.

The Honorable Bob Buckhorn  
Mayor  
City of Tampa  
Tampa, FL

**Lifetime Achievement Award For Excellence In Economic Development In Honor Of Edward deLuca**

The Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Economic Development is given in honor of Edward deLuca, in recognition of a lifelong commitment to excellence in economic development.

Jay C. Moon, CEcD, FM, HLM  
President and CEO  
Mississippi Manufacturers Association  
Jackson, MS

**About the International Economic Development Council**

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit, non-partisan, membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 5,200 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](http://www.iedconline.org).



