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### **International Economic Development Council Announces Prominent Award Winners at 2012 Annual Conference**

**WASHINGTON, DC** (October 10, 2012) – The [International Economic Development Council](#) (IEDC) held its Annual Conference September 30 - October 3, 2012 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, TX. The [2012 Excellence in Economic Development Award winners](#) were honored for their creative programs advancing economic development and improving communities throughout the United States and Canada. Individuals were also honored for progressing the field of economic development in their communities.

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 prestigious awards recognize organizations and individuals for their efforts in creating positive change in urban, suburban, and rural communities.

Winners of IEDC's Excellence in Economic Development Awards demonstrate to the experienced panel of judges that they are at the forefront of the economic development profession. IEDC recognizes only the most successful, innovative and effective leaders, programs, partnerships, and promotional materials. Award recipients gain valuable publicity and exposure to their peers in the economic development field. [Click here for a full list of 2012 winners.](#)

Presented on Monday, October 1, the [Leadership Awards](#) recognize outstanding leaders in the public and private sectors who are advancing economic development in their communities. The 2012 winners include:

#### **New Economic Development Professional of the Year:**

- Juan Pablo Diaz, CEcD, Grenada County Economic Development District

#### **Citizen Leadership Award:**

- Alexandra Villoch, Miami Herald Media Company

#### **Jeffrey A. Finkle Organizational Leadership Awards:**

- Steve Budd, FM HLM, CityWide Development Corp
- Maury Forman, Washington State Department of Commerce

**Institutional Leadership Award:**

- Carl Edwards, Presbyterian Health Foundation

**Chairman's Awards:**

- Diane Lupke, CECD FM, Diane Lupke & Associates

**Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Economic Development, in honor of Edward deLuca:**

- Jim Reid, Momentum Texas, Inc.

**Fellow Member Status:**

- Dan Gundersen, Baltimore County Department of Economic Development
- Barry Matherly, CECD, Greater Richmond Partnership
- Roy Williams, Greater Oklahoma City Chamber

Those interested in 2013 Awards should [visit IEDC's website](#) for category descriptions and requirements. Economic developers are sure to find at least one of 35 categories that fit their project, program or community leader.

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**About the IEDC**

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is the world's largest independent, non-profit membership and research organization devoted exclusively to the field of economic development. IEDC helps economic development professionals create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities and improve the quality of life in their regions. Serving more than 4,200 economic development professionals in nearly 2,300 member organizations, IEDC provides a diverse range of services including conferences, professional development and certification, publications, research, advisory services, and legislative tracking. Visit [www.iedconline.org](http://www.iedconline.org).

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