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### **International Economic Development Council Announces Prominent Award Winners at 2013 Annual Conference**

**WASHINGTON, DC (October 15, 2013)** - The [International Economic Development Council](http://www.iedconline.org) (IEDC) held its Annual Conference October 6-9, 2013 at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown in Philadelphia, PA. The 2013 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 2013 winners](#) (PDF).

Presented on Monday, October 7, the Leadership Awards recognize outstanding leaders in the public and private sectors who are advancing economic development in their communities. The 2013 winners include:

#### **Fellow Member Designations:**

- David Berzina, CEcD, Executive Vice President of Economic Development for the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce
- Donald Jakeway, Deputy City Manager of the City of Arlington
- Linda Kay Jones, CEcD, Vice President of Institutional Advancement at Western New Mexico University
- Mark Lautman, CEcD, CRE, Owner of Lautman Economic Architectural
- Stuart Litvin, CEcD, Director of the Henderson-Vance County Economic Development Commission
- Jim Plump, CEcD, Executive Director of the Jackson County Industrial Development Corporation

- Noreen Scott, CEcD, President of the Rio Rancho Economic Development Corporation

**Honorary Life Member Designations:**

- Jack Allston, CEcD, FM, Senior Consultant for the New Mexico Economic Development Partnership
- LaDene Bowen, CEcD, FM, Associate Director of the University of Northern Iowa, Institute for Decision Making
- Vernon George, Partner of the George Henry George Partners
- James R. Kinnett, II, CEcD, FM, EDFP, President of The Kinnett Consulting Group
- John Walsh of Calabash, NC

**Young Economic Developer of the Year:**

- Rodrick Miller, President and CEO of the New Orleans Business Alliance

**Jeffrey A. Finkle Organizational Leadership Award:**

- Austin Burke, Past President and CEO of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce

**Chairman's Award:**

- Donald Jakeway, Deputy City Manager of the City of Arlington

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

- Kurt Chilcott, CEcD, FM, HLM, President and CEO of the CDC Small Business Finance Corp

Those interested in 2014 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 International Economic Development Council**

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 4,000 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. When we succeed, our members create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions. [www.iedconline.org](http://www.iedconline.org).

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