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Robert Brindley Becomes first Canadian Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) Under New Agreement with IEDC

WASHINGTON, DC (October 16, 2013) - On Wednesday, October 9, Robert Brindley, a Past Chair of the Economic Developers Council of Ontario, became the first Canadian to receive the [International Economic Development Council's](#) (IEDC) [Certified Economic Developer](#) designation under an agreement between the Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO) and IEDC.

Mr. Brindley has worked in local economic development for over 15 years and has more recently moved into city management as Chief Administrative Officer of Springfield Township in central Ontario.

On receiving his CEcD designation Mr. Brindley thanked both IEDC and EDCO: "This partnership between EDCO and IEDC is an important achievement in terms of offering the international standard in economic development professional certification to Canadians. I applaud both organizations and I am honored to be the first recipient under the agreement."

Among other things, the Memorandum of Understanding between the two professional associations extends a two year window for those who have the Canadian EcD qualification in good standing to apply for IEDC's CEcD designation. The CEcD is the international standard in economic development certification, and those with the EcD can now add it to their qualifications.

IEDC and EDCO will also offer a professional development track to any Canadian economic development practitioner without an existing EcD who wish to undertake the approximately 100 hours of in-class instruction and write the CEcD examination.

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About The Economic Developers Council of Ontario

The Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO) was established in 1957 as the Ontario Industrial Developers Council. Since then it has grown to be Canada's largest provincial economic development membership organization with 685 active members.

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.

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