



## New York State Economic Development Council Announces the Economic Developer of the Year

*NYSEDC recognized nearly 900 members as “Economic Developer of the Year” for the substantial impact they made in their communities during the COVID-19 Pandemic*

The New York State Economic Development Council (NYSEDC) recognized its entire membership with the Robert T Dormer Economic Developer of the Year award at its Annual Meeting on September 28, 2021 in Cooperstown, New York. The NYSEDC is the state's principal, nonprofit membership organization representing public, private, and nonprofit economic development professionals from throughout the state of New York.

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted lives, economies, supply chains, and created a global economic crisis that impacted every community in New York State. Every one of our members played a critical leadership role in their community. They were met with the challenge of supporting their business community and workforce during the worst economic crisis of the century. They continue to work hard to reposition, repurpose, and rebuild their communities and economies and make them stronger, and more resilient. For this reason, they all deserve special recognition.

The Robert T Dormer Developer of the Year Award was established to honor an economic development professional who has made a substantial impact on his or her community and the economic development industry. Those selected for the award need to demonstrate:

- Outstanding performance in developing and administering economic development programs.
- Provide distinguished service to one's community by providing leadership in stimulating local economic development.
- Demonstrate a commitment to NYSEDC, its programs and its policies.
- Demonstrate an interest in assisting colleagues within the economic development profession.
- Show distinction in providing leadership in respect to a problem or situation of significant interest and impact in the practice of economic development.
- Demonstrate a commitment to economic education and training.

“The last year has been filled with unprecedented challenges faced by all economic developers. The pandemic disrupted every aspect of the economic landscape and economic developers were on the front line supporting the needs of their business community and residents,” said Jaime Johnson, incoming Chairman of NYSEDC.

“The NYSEDC was proud to honor and recognize all our members for the critical role they play supporting their communities and economy. We congratulate (name of your organization) and thank them for their leadership in (Name of Your community) and moving the New York State economy forward.” said NYSEDC Executive Director Ryan Silva.

For more than 30 years, NYSEDC has been the state's principal organization representing economic development professionals, colleges and universities, and public-sector enterprises. Its members include IDAs, local development corporations (LDCs), banks, underwriters, bond counsels, utilities, chambers of commerce, real estate developers, business incubators, workforce organizations, and private corporations. The NYSEDC Economic Development Awards program recognizes the state's best economic development programs and partnerships, marketing materials, influential leaders, and rising stars. These awards honor organizations and individuals for their efforts in creating positive change in urban, suburban, and rural communities.