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## EDIE Awards Criteria

### Economic Development Achievement Award:

- To qualify for the nomination, either the individual or their organization they represent, is an EDCC member in good standing
- Practicing professional in Colorado for at least 5 years
- Demonstrates commitment to personal professional development through course enrichment such as CED, EDI graduate, CEcD, or EDFP
- Economic development success in their organization/community such as job growth, capital investment, redevelopment, or increased tourism
- Furthering development of the profession in Colorado (outside their individual organization) such as involvement in regional economic development or EDCC, mentorship, legislative work, conference or workshop development
- Promoting the importance of the profession and its purpose such as local or state press coverage of economic development issues and events, serving with non-economic development organizations as an economic development professional, or educating elected officials and community leaders

### Community of the Year (Small, Medium & Large):

*(Community is defined as the legal governing body of the community including towns, cities & counties; refer to the [Colorado Demographic Profiler](#) located on the State Demographer's website)*

>> Small community size = up to 19,999

>> Medium community size = between 20,000 – 59,999

>> Large community size = greater than 60,000

- Demonstrated support for economic development such as financial, board participation, or lobbying
- Planning and investment in long term development of the community such as infrastructure, permanent financing of economic development, or targeted strategies to secure primary jobs
- Special project or development during nomination year
- If the consideration narrows down to two competing communities; the EDCC member in good standing will take merit

### Legislator of the Year:

- Legislator served in office during nomination year
- Advocated for EDCC, its role, and its policy goals
- Demonstrated support for economic development initiatives or primary industry support during last legislative session
- Demonstrated leadership in strengthening Colorado's economy through public policy achievement
- Sponsoring or being a leading voice on bills or ballot initiatives aimed at strengthening Colorado's economy, identified in EDCC's legislative policy statement: healthy business climate, effective well-maintained infrastructure, and workforce
- Bridging the political gap to compromise in the name of Colorado's economy
- Building consensus across the political spectrum to successfully pass bills or ballot initiatives that strengthen Colorado's economic outlook

### Rookie of the Year:

This award is designed to encourage new professionals who have demonstrated exceptional ability and performance in the field of economic development.

- To qualify for the nomination, either the individual or their organization they represent, is an EDCC member in good standing
- Less than 3 years in the profession but at least 1 year in Colorado
- Recommended by their supervisor for exceptional work on a project, issue or problem
- Demonstration of ability or leadership usually limited to a veteran economic development practitioner
- Some evidence of professional development or support for professional development in Colorado

### Volunteer of the Year:

EDCC may, each year choose to present a “Volunteer of the Year” award to an outstanding, “non-practicing economic development professional” volunteer in Colorado who has demonstrated a multi-year commitment to the vitality, growth and sustainability of the Colorado economy.

The criteria for the award are as follows:

- The honoree is a citizen of Colorado, or, is from out-of-state but has engaged in significant economic development activities within the state from more than two years
- Is not employed in the profession of economic development as defined or determined by the EDCC board of directors and/or the Awards Committee
- Has a demonstrated history of involvement in economic development projects in Colorado that are of historical significance to the state or a region of the state
- Preferred candidates will demonstrate leadership and involvement in more than one economic development project, unless a single project is of such magnitude that the candidate merits consideration for the one project alone
- Candidates may be selected from a pool of nominees who, at one time in their careers, were economic development professionals. However, consideration for the award should not be based on achievements during their economic development careers

### Company of the Year:

- Demonstrated support for economic development – financial, board participation, lobbying, etc.
- Support for the community – active and engaged in community issues
- Significant expansion or investment during the year

### Economic Development Partnership:

- Non-practicing economic development organization or individual who has demonstrated multi-year commitment to the Economic Development Council of Colorado
- The recipient continues to work with EDCC in our goal to strategically retain, expand and attract primary employers
- They are committed to the vitality, growth, and sustainability of the Colorado economy

### Statesman of the Year:

EDCC Member who has provided exemplary service to the organization through support such as:

- Advocating for EDCC, its role, and its policy goals
- Growing EDCC's political influence in a non-partisan way
- Speaking on behalf of EDCC at the legislature and other public venues
- Demonstrated leadership in strengthening Colorado's economy through public policy achievement
- Being a leading voice behind the scenes on bills aimed at strengthening Colorado's economy, identified in EDCC's legislative policy statement: healthy business climate, effective well-maintained infrastructure, and workforce
- Building consensus across the political spectrum to successfully pass bills or ballot initiatives that strengthen Colorado's economic outlook
- A high degree of weight in selecting the "Statesman of the Year" will be placed on the candidates that have provided testimony to the legislature on bills that have been supported or opposed by EDCC's Public Policy Committee and EDCC's Board of Directors

### Chairman's Award/Special Recognition:

The EDCC Board Chair or Board of Directors as a collective whole may, each year choose to present a "Chairman's Award," to recognize individuals who have supported the EDCC and has demonstrated a multi-year commitment to the vitality, growth and sustainability of the Colorado economy.

### Miscellaneous Criteria:

- To encourage and support incoming nominations, nominations must meet most of the criteria stated within the proper category and will be determined at the discretion of the EDIE Award Selection Committee, to be eligible for the award
- The EDIE Awards Selection Committee is comprised of past ED Achievement and Rookie of the Year awards winners, along with members of EDCC's Board of Directors
- Community's and Individual's will not be eligible for another award for 5 calendar years starting from the year they received the award. Review the [Past Winner's Circle](#) to determine if your nomination is eligible