



## 2026 Deal of the Year Nomination Form

This award recognizes up to three NCEDA members from communities of varying sizes who led a significant project in 2025. It highlights both the primary recipient and supporting team members, organizations, or private-sector partners who played a critical role, showcasing economic development achievements across diverse communities and markets. Click [HERE](#) to view past award recipients.

### CRITERIA

For this nomination to be considered, please carefully review and adhere to the guidelines below:

- Complete the full nomination form (six pages). Please limit responses to the space provided for each question and do not attach additional pages with expanded answers.
- You may include **up to three** supporting materials such as news articles, press releases, letters of recommendation, or other documentation that highlight the significance and impact of the project.
- Submit a thoughtful, thorough, and professional nomination that clearly addresses the criteria and reflects the importance of the award.

### SUBMISSION

Submit nominations electronically to [liz@nceda.org](mailto:liz@nceda.org) by **5 pm, Friday, May 8**. Contact Liz with questions or if you do not receive confirmation (888.246.2332). The 2026 NCEDA Award recipients will be announced at the Annual Conference in June.

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### COMMUNITY PROFILE

Select the category that best represents the size of the nominee's community. For projects spanning multiple communities, choose the category that reflects the region most impacted. If a community falls between categories, consider the scale of the project's impact when making your selection.

**Small** (typically rural or small towns, limited resources, fewer businesses, and smaller workforce)

**Mid-Sized** (growing towns or small cities, more diverse economy, moderate infrastructure and workforce)

**Large** (major cities or regional hubs, significant economic activity, larger workforce, and extensive infrastructure)

### PROJECT DETAILS

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Industry Sector:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Potential Capital Investment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Anticipated Job Creation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Anticipated Average Wage:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Anticipated Groundbreaking Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### 1. Project Overview and Nominee Role

Provide a comprehensive overview of the project, including its scope, overall impact, and any obstacles that were overcome. Clearly explain how the nominee played a key role in successfully executing the project.

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### **2. Community Impact**

Provide an overview of the community where the project was located and describe the impact it has had or is expected to have. Explain why this project was significant and how it contributes to the long-term success and future of the community.

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### 3. Partnerships and Collaboration

Identify any additional organizations, government agencies, or key stakeholders that played an important role in the project's success. Please describe their specific contributions, responsibilities, and level of involvement.

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### 4. Additional Comments

Share any other information, insights, or a brief statement/quote explaining why the nominee and project is deserving of this award.