



2026 Economic Developer of the Year Nomination Form

This award recognizes an NCEDA member who makes significant and measurable contributions to their local community and the North Carolina economic development community as a whole. The nominee should demonstrate leadership, excellence, creativity, and show initiative with work-related professional accomplishments. Click [HERE](#) to view the past award recipients.

CRITERIA

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

- Complete the full nomination form. 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 letters of recommendation, news articles, or other documentation that highlight the accomplishments of the nominee.
- 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 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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1. Leadership and Impact

Describe the nominee's leadership roles, key projects, and measurable contributions that have advanced economic development in their community and across North Carolina. Include specific examples of project wins, community development efforts, programs, or initiatives that created lasting value.

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2. Community and Economic Contributions

Explain how the nominee has enhanced quality of life, strengthened the business climate, and supported the overall economic vitality of their community and/or the state. Include examples of civic involvement, volunteer or professional leadership, and initiatives that improved the community or well-being of others.

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3. Innovation, Mentorship, and Achievements

Highlight any innovative or creative approaches the nominee has used to achieve results. Describe ways the nominee has mentored or influenced others in the economic development field. Include examples of proven leadership, notable professional or personal achievements, recognition, awards, or measurable outcomes that demonstrate the nominee's impact on their profession, community, or the broader field of economic development.

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4. Additional Comments

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