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## **The Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development Receives 2024 Excellence in Economic Development Award from the International Economic Development Council**

**Lincoln, NE** – The Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development (LPED) is pleased to announce the receipt of a 2024 Excellence in Economic Development Gold Award from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). The award was bestowed specifically for the organization’s work in the Talent Development and Retention category. Members of the LPED team will be acknowledged and honored at the IEDC 2024 Annual Conference in Denver, CO, September 15-18.

"The Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development is setting the standard of excellence for economic development through their work with the Lincoln Manufacturing Council. This award highlights LPED’s commitment to its community and demonstrates the transformative impact of economic development," said Nathan Ohle, IEDC President and CEO, "It is with great pride that IEDC presents this award to LPED, celebrating their leadership and innovation in the field of economic development."

"We are absolutely thrilled to announce this year's award winners. These exceptional projects showcase remarkable dedication and ingenuity within the field," said Kevin Kramer, Chair of IEDC’s Excellence in Economic Development Awards Advisory Committee. "LPED’s contributions will leave a lasting impact and demonstrate its commitment to creating positive change for its residents."

Every year IEDC looks specifically for economic development organizations, government entities, initiatives, and programs that have demonstrated consistent, exemplary performance in the economic development profession, leading the execution of projects that have a significant impact on revitalizing communities, and playing a major role in shaping and improving the practice of economic development.

“We are incredibly honored to receive this Excellence in Economic Development Award from the IEDC, which recognizes the ongoing success of the Lincoln Manufacturing Council. Through this impactful program, we have significantly increased the number of employable individuals who have the interest, skills and opportunities to work in the manufacturing industry,” said Luke Peltz, Vice President of Economic Development at the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development. “I am so proud of the work of our team and extend my gratitude to the City of Lincoln and the local manufacturing companies who make this program possible.”

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