

Edie Awards Criteria

Economic Development Achievement Award:

- Practicing professional **in Colorado** for at least 5 years
- Personal professional development – CED, EDI graduate, CDFP?, other?
- ED success in their organization/community - Job Growth, Capital Investment, Redevelopment, Increased Tourism, etc.
- Furthering development of the profession in Colorado (outside their individual organization) – Involvement in regional ED organization or EDCC, mentorship, legislative work, conference or workshop development, etc.
- Promoting the importance of the profession and its purpose – Local or state press coverage of ED issues and events, serving with non-ED organizations as an ED professional, educating elected officials and community leaders, etc.

Community of the Year: (*Large and Small*):

- Demonstrated support for economic development – financial, Board participation, lobbying, etc.
- Planning and investment in long term development of the community – infrastructure, permanent financing of ED, targeted strategies to secure primary jobs, etc.
- Special project or development during year

Legislator of the Year: (*Fall Conference*):

- Demonstrated support for ED initiatives or Primary industry support during last legislative session

Rookie of the Year:

Designed to encourage new professionals who have demonstrated exceptional ability and performance in the field of economic development.

- 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 ED 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 (New in 2012)

- 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.