



NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Nebraska Economic Developers Association will award two Professional of the Year designations at its 2024 Annual Conference. The conference is scheduled for June 12 - 14, 2024, in Norfolk.

Eligibility: Any person that is a current (as of the nomination) Active Member of NEDA shall be eligible for nomination.

Designation: Although the awards will be identical in name and appearance, the group will give one award to a “community” economic developer and one award to a “service provider”.

The definition of the awards is as follows:

- ❖ Community-The organization for which the professional works is a local or county organization.
- ❖ Service Provider-The organization for which the professional works is a utility, a regional service provider or a statewide service provider.

Schedule: Call for nominations will be made each year by the NEDA Executive Director. Nominations for Professional of the Year must be sent to the Executive Director for NEDA by **April 5, 2024**. The selection committee will have until April 19, 2023 to make the selection. The Board of Directors must approve the selections (electronically, by conference call or an in-person meeting) by April 23, 2024 at which time the winner will be notified. Awards will be given at the Annual Conference during the Annual Membership Meeting or other designated event as established by the NEDA Board of Directors.

Selection Committee: The selection committee for Professional of the Year will consist of Active Members of NEDA and will be selected by the President of the Association with the concurrence of the Board of Directors. The total number of members is at the discretion of the President with Board approval, however, at least three members must be appointed including one person from a large city/county, one person from a small city/county, and one person from a service organization or utility. Any Active Member is eligible. A selection committee member is ineligible from winning the award that year. However, that person may resign their position on the Selection Committee if nominated prior to the selection meeting.

Nomination Process: Only an active member of NEDA may nominate a member for the award using a standardized nomination form approved by the Board of Directors.

Criteria for Selection: It should be generally accepted that the selection process is subjective in nature. The committee should give priority to achievements in the previous 12 months. However, the selection committee should use the following criteria as part of the process:

- A. Job/investment creation in the community
- B. Innovation – new programs or approaches developed and their results
- C. Organizational effectiveness within service territory
- D. Leadership in the profession and in NEDA



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Awards Ceremony: The designated Professional(s) of the Year should have the opportunity to invite key community/organizational leaders to the virtual awards presentation and the Board of Directors should make every effort to ensure proper recognition of the achievement.

Publicity: NEDA will send a press release to all major media outlets and the media outlets in the winners' service territory. The Executive Director is responsible for working with the winners to write and distribute the information.



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I would like to nominate the following individual for NEDA Economic Development Professional of the Year.

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE:

1. A brief description of his/her major projects completed in the community

2. Innovation – new programs or approaches developed and their results

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Please check all that apply:

_____ The organization for which the professional works is a local or county organization.

_____ The organization for which the professional works is a utility, a regional service provider or a statewide service provider.

REASON (S) WHY THIS INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED:

NOMINATED BY: _____

**Submit Information to:
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DEADLINE – APRIL 5, 2024