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## **THE ARIZONA ASSOCIATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS ANNUAL EDDE AWARDS**

The Arizona Association for Economic Development (AAED) has announced the recipients of its annual Economic Development Distinguished by Excellence (EDDE) awards. The awards were presented during an evening awards dinner at the AAED Spring Conference in Tucson.

The prestigious EDDE awards honor individuals and companies who have made significant contributions to the advancement of the organization and also to the economic growth within the state of Arizona. Recipients are selected from a pool of nominations made by members of AAED. Overall six EDDEs were presented.

The William Lampkin Award for Long Term Excellence in Economic Development was given to Herman Orcutt, partner in The Orcutt/Winslow Partnership.

John Chan, downtown development director for the city of Phoenix, was recognized as Economic Developer of the Year, Large Community.

The award for Economic Developer of the Year, Small Community, was presented to Victor Gonzalez, economic development director for the city of Douglas.

Jennifer Graves, economic development specialist for the city of Scottsdale, was cited as Member of the Year and Stephanie Hertzberg, in charge of business development for SmithGroup, was named New Member of the Year.

The award for Small Organization of the Year was presented to the Town of Gilbert and accepted by Dan Henderson, Kelly Patton and John Zupon.

AAED was originally founded in 1974 as the Arizona Association for Industrial Development (AAID). The organization, which was dedicated to expanding the industrial and economic base of Arizona, changed to its current name in 1991 to better reflect its broader mission.

The strategic vision of AAED is to be the leading advocate of responsible economic development for all of Arizona by leading the facilitation of public/private cooperation and fostering teamwork to address the growth and quality of life issues that face Arizona. For more information on AAED, visit [www.aaed.com](http://www.aaed.com) or call (602) 240-2233.