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### City Wins Excellence in Economic Development Award at International Conference

The City of Fort Collins on Tuesday won a Bronze Excellence in Economic Development Award for its support of the NoCo Manufacturing Sector Partnership, a project in the category of Human Capital of the International Economic Development Council.

The City of Fort Collins is a contributing partner in the NoCO Manufacturing Partnership which hosts an annual manufacturing trade show for the region. City cluster grants have helped support more than 1,000 high school student tours to manufacturing facilities to increase student awareness of manufacturing careers.

“We are honored by this award,” said SeonAh Kendall, Economic Health Manager for the City’s Economic Health Office, which represents Fort Collins on the NoCO Manufacturing Partnership. “This important regional organization promotes manufacturing’s contribution to the current and future growth and talent of the regional economy.”

“On behalf of the IEDC board of directors and Excellence in Economic Development Awards Advisory Committee, congratulations to the City of Fort Collins,” said Michael Langley, CEO of GREATER MSP in Minneapolis-St. Paul and 2017 IEDC Board Chair.” Not only did they work to provide a necessary service to their community; but also, their participation in the awards program sheds light on their stellar projects which other communities can now use as a benchmark.”

The honor was presented at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, Sept. 19, during the IEDC Annual Conference, which was held Sept. 17 - 20, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.