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**Williston Economic Development Receives Excellence in Economic Development Award
from the International Economic Development Council**

WASHINGTON, DC (Sept. 19, 2017) – Williston Economic Development received a Gold Excellence in Economic Development Award for its *Open for Business Media Folder*, a project in the category of Video/Multimedia Promotion from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC).

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.

"On behalf of the IEDC board of directors and Excellence in Economic Development Awards Advisory Committee, congratulations to Williston Economic Development. 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." - Michael Langley, FM, CEO of GREATER MSP, Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, and 2017 IEDC Board Chair

The Williston Economic Development "Open For Business" media folder was designed as a replacement to a traditional print brochure. This media folder serves as the primary "hard copy" promotional piece for business development, promotion, and expansion.

The Williston Economic Development Office in Williston, ND is at the heart of the Bakken Shale oil and gas play. The community has seen significant growth over the past several years. It had been labeled by the U.S. census bureau as one of the fastest growing micropolitans in the nation.

"The awards process is a thorough, non-biased and multi-layered process. These are extraordinary accomplishments for all winners, and an overall great effort by all participants. We look forward to next year's awards competition," Langley said.

About the International Economic Development Council

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 5,000 members, IEDC is the largest organization of its kind. Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities, by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base. From public to private, rural to urban, and local to international, IEDC's members are engaged in the full range of economic development experience. Given the breadth of economic development work, our members are employed in a wide variety of settings including local, state, provincial and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other institutions. Among many activities which benefit the economy, IEDC's members create high-quality jobs and develop vibrant communities. www.iedcONLINE.org.

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