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Office of Economic Development Receives 2023 Excellence in Economic Development Silver Award

(Clayton County, GA)–The Clayton County Office of Economic Development earns a 2023 Excellence in Economic Development Silver Award from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). Recipients are recognized specifically for the organization’s work in the Innovation in Economic Development category that impacts 300,000 residents.

The Clayton County Office of Economic Development Officer Erica Rocker, Christopher Blocker and Brandon McCarden were acknowledged and honored at the IEDC 2023 Annual Conference during the inaugural recognition night in Dallas, TX on September 19.

"The Clayton County Office of Economic Development has raised the bar for excellence in economic development with its ‘Clayton the Great Block Party’, said Nathan Ohle, IEDC President and CEO. “This award is a testament to Clayton County’s dedication to its residents and serves as a great example of how economic development can help transform a community for the better.”

Each year the IEDC looks specifically for economic development organizations, government entities, initiatives, and programs that demonstrate consistent, exemplary performance in the economic development profession, leading the execution of projects that have a significant impact on revitalizing communities, and playing a major role in shaping and improving the practice of economic development.

“Clayton County offers proximity to the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, an aggressive incentive structure for new and expanding businesses, superb office, commercial, and industrial development opportunities,” said Chief Operations Officer Detrick Stanford. “We want the world to know Clayton County is where the world lands and opportunities for economic development takes off!

For more information about the Clayton County Economic Development Office or, access: <https://www.claytoncountyga.gov/government/economic-development/>. Media representatives may contact the Office of Communications, 770.473.3834, or complete a media inquiry form for interviews or statements: [claytoncountyforms.claytoncountyga.gov/news-media-request/](https://www.claytoncountyga.gov/news-media-request/).

About the Clayton County Office of Economic Development





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The Clayton County Board of Commissioners Office of Economic Development is the leading office for business attraction, expansion, retention, project management, site selector engagement, prospect interest and small business inquiries for Clayton County, GA. Our focus is to create high-quality jobs, develop a vibrant community, and improve the quality of life in Clayton County, GA.

About the International Economic Development Council

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit, non-partisan membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 4,300 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 engage in the full range of economic development practices.

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