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# ***Dubuque Works Cited for Excellence in Economic Development International Economic Development Council Presents Award***

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DUBUQUE, IA—The Greater Dubuque Development Corporation was recognized for Excellence in Economic Development for their *Dubuque Works - A Workforce Initiative* in the category of Human Capital for communities with populations of 25,000 – 200,000 from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). The honor was presented at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, September 28, during the IEDC Annual Conference, September 26-29 in Columbus, Ohio.

“We recognize the Greater Dubuque Development Corporation for providing successful strategies to promote new paradigms in economic development in this period of global recovery,” said William Best, IEDC chair. “Our awards honor organizations and individuals for their efforts in creating positive change in communities. The Greater Dubuque Development Corporation is showing that they are at the forefront of the economic development profession and are using innovative and effective practices that can be replicated in other communities.”

Through the collaborative partnership of seven community partners - Greater Dubuque Development, Telegraph Herald, Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce, Iowa Works, Northeast Iowa Community College, Dubuque Area Labor Management Council, and Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque - and funding support from the City of Dubuque, Dubuque Racing Association, and Dubuque County, *Dubuque Works* addresses workforce needs through unparalleled innovation and unprecedented cooperation.

The Excellence in Economic Awards Program annually recognizes the world’s best economic development programs and partnerships, marketing materials, and the year’s most influential leaders. The program honors organizations and individuals in 28 categories for their efforts in creating positive change in urban, suburban, and rural communities.

Serving more than 4,500 members worldwide, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is the premier membership organization dedicated to helping economic development professionals create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities and improve the quality of life in their regions.

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