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Five Alaska Organizations Win International Economic Development Awards

October 7, 2015 ANCHORAGE — Last evening in front of economic development professionals from around the world, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) presented Awards of Excellence in Economic Development to five Alaska organizations. Each year, IEDC presents these awards to the world's most influential leaders in economic development programs and partnerships.

"I'm pleased that the high-quality work being done to advance Alaska's economy has been recognized by IEDC," said Governor Bill Walker. "From projects in rural communities to programs with statewide reach, Alaska's economic developers are at the forefront of their profession, working to improve economic well-being and quality of life across the state. I congratulate all of the state agencies and organizations who received awards for their outstanding efforts to promote economic development across Alaska."

Award of Excellence in Economic Development winners from Alaska are:

Alaska Division of Economic Development

- Gold award in the Business Retention and Expansion Special Event category for organizing a tour promoting unmanned aircraft systems opportunities in Alaska; the project was completed in partnership with the University of Alaska Business Enterprise Institute
- Bronze award in the Regionalism and Cross-Border Collaboration category for the North to Alaska visitor marketing campaign
- Bronze award in the Special Purpose Print Brochure category for unmanned aircraft systems brochures

Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority

- Silver award in the Public-Private Partnerships category for the Ketchikan Shipyard partnership

Anchorage Economic Development Corporation

- Gold award in the General Purpose Website category for the renovation of AEDCweb.com
- Silver award in the Special Event category for Crowdfunding AK event

Haa Aani Community Development Fund, Inc.

- Silver award in the Business Retention and Expansion Program category for the Path to Prosperity business development competition

Huna Totem Corporation

- Gold award in the Real Estate Redevelopment and Reuse category for Icy Strait Point

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