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OEDA Honors Contributions to Economic Development with 2018 Awards of Excellence

Klamath Falls, OR - The Oregon Economic Development Association (OEDA) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2018 Awards of Excellence in Economic Development. The awards are an opportunity to celebrate the positive impact of economic development work and highlight excellence in the field. The awards were presented at the OEDA Annual Conference held in Klamath Falls on October 7-9th.

OEDA proudly presented the following awards:

Economic Development Leader of the Year: Tom Nelson, Economic Development Manager of the Corvallis Benton County Economic Development Office.

Business Development Success: Project Frostbite (Element Six recruitment to Gresham) and partners Greater Portland Inc, Business Oregon, Port of Portland, City of Gresham, and Portland General Electric.

Outstanding Collaborative Partnership: Public Private Partnership to create Salem-Keizer Career and Technical Education Center. Partners included Mountain West Investment Corporation, the Salem-Keizer School District and City of Salem Urban Renewal Agency.

Exceptional Economic Development Marketing and Promotions: *Central Oregon is Hiring* and *Reboot in Bend* video campaigns by Economic Development for Central Oregon (EDCO) and East Cascades Works.

Urban Renewal Project of the Year: The Windward development by PHK Development Inc. in partnership with the City of Lake Oswego Redevelopment Agency.

Lyle Stewart Award: Created by the Association of Oregon Redevelopment Agencies (AORA) in the mid-1990s to honor urban renewal financing expert Lyle Stewart, this award honors lifetime achievement in urban renewal. This year the award was given to bond attorney Harvey Rogers, whose expertise in public financing and influential contributions in urban renewal have made Oregon a better place.

Award recipients were selected through a competitive process with a range of criteria including: Innovation, Project/Individual Impact, Contribution to the Economic Development profession and Leadership.

“We’re honored to take this time each year to recognize impactful work being done in the field economic development across Oregon,” said Sarah Means, OEDA President.

OEDA is the state’s foremost trade association for state, regional and local economic development professionals. OEDA represents over 135 economic development entities and professionals across Oregon.

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