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**Hamden Economic Development Corporation Receives Excellence in Economic Development Award
from
the International Economic Development Council**

WASHINGTON, DC (Sept. 27, 2016) – The Hamden, CT, Economic Development Corporation received a Silver Excellence in Economic Development Award for its 2016 project in the category of Neighborhood Development Initiatives from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC).

The honor was presented at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, Sept. 27, during the IEDC Annual Conference, which was held Sept. 25-28, in Cleveland, OH.

“On behalf of the IEDC board of directors and Excellence in Economic Development Awards Advisory Committee, congratulations to Hamden Economic Development Corporation. 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.” - Barry Matherly, CEcD, FM, IEDC 2016 Board Chair, President & CEO of the Greater Richmond Partnership.

The Newhall Neighborhood Revitalization Program began in Hamden CT in 2003 with the signing of a Consent Order for one of the largest neighborhood environmental remediation programs in U.S. history. The history of the event leading up to the Consent Order and future Action Plan in 2007 began in the 1880's. This revitalization program has included the remediation of over 200 properties, structural repairs to over 100 homes, a business incubator, rehabilitation of two large parks, a job training program and in 2016/17, a new community center and the development of 87 units of mixed income housing. The total investment from state, local and other utility sources will ultimately total over \$100 million.

IEDC's Excellence in Economic Development Awards recognize the world's best economic development programs and partnerships, marketing materials, and the year's most influential leaders. These awards honor organizations and individuals for their efforts in creating positive change in urban, suburban, and rural communities.

“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,” Matherly 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 4,700 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. IEDC's members create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities and improve the quality of life in their regions. www.iedcONLINE.org.

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