Award Nominating Form - Project of the Year

The NYSEDC Project of the Year is presented to an organization that has completed a project that serves the mission of the NYSEDC, to promote the economic development of the state and its communities.

Each nomination will be evaluated using the following scoring matrix:

**Scoring**

- Project impact to the community (i.e., overall tax base, cross community/multi-agency collaboration, rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings - especially historic properties)
- Project tangible and intangible results (i.e., did the project result in policies, programs, ideas that assisted in developing processes, products and services into viable competitive businesses; were there resultant improvements to neighborhoods and/or business districts - especially in distressed areas)
- Project replicability and transferability (i.e., Can the project, program or policy be easily applied in other communities; is there a spin-off effect)
- Project innovation and productivity (i.e., was the project cost effective; did it include land acquisition; did it involve a public-private partnership; did it address a globalization issue; does it align with regional economic development strategies, create efficiencies, or address environmental sustainability issues)
- Project job retention/creation (i.e., how many jobs were created or retained; how do the salary levels compare to the median wage for similar occupations in the local community/region)

**Eligibility**

Awards will be presented annually to NYS communities whose projects have been completed during the preceding 12 months ending on April 1 of the current year. Programs or policies that are nominated must have been in place for at least the preceding 6 months ending on April 1 of the current year.

**Nominations**

Nominations can be submitted by an NYSEDC member or by a local elected official or program director (such as a WIB or business incubator director). If it is submitted by an elected official or program director, it must be submitted with an endorsement by an NYSEDC member from that community, a regional EDO, or utility. Nominations should be no longer than three (3) 8 ½ x 11 typed pages and include a one paragraph summary of the nomination that would be suitable for a press release. If the nomination is a capital project, then the nomination should include at least three digital photos of the project that can be used in an awards ceremony. If the nomination is a program or policy, the policy or program should be attached to the nomination. **Attn: Emily Simmons 111 Washington Avenue, 6th Floor, Albany, NY 12210 or electronically to simmons@nysedc.org**

**Judging**

Judging will be done by a panel of NYSEDC peers and category experts.

**Awards**

Awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting Banquet.
Entry Form

Return With Entry(ies) by April 15, 2020 to:
Emily Simmons
New York State Economic Development Council
111 Washington Ave., 6th Floor
Albany, NY 12210
or
simmons@nysedc.org

All entries must be received by NYSEDC no later than April 15, 2020

TYPE OR PRINT

Name: ___________________________ Title: ___________________________

Economic Development Organization: _______________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ________________ Zip: _____________

Telephone: _______________________ Fax: _______________________________

NYSEDC Member? [ ] Yes [ ] No

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