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## **City of Azle Receives Excellence in Economic Development Award from the International Economic Development Council**

WASHINGTON, DC (Sept. 19, 2017) - The City of Azle won a Gold Excellence in Economic Development Award *AzleAbsolutely.com*, a project in the category of General Purpose Website of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC).

The honor was presented at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, Sept. 19, during the IEDC Annual Conference, which was held Sept. 17 - 20, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

“On behalf of the IEDC board of directors and Excellence in Economic Development Awards Advisory Committee, congratulations to the City of Azle. 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.” - Michael Langley, FM, CEO of GREATER MSP, Minneapolis–St. Paul, MN, and 2017 IEDC Board Chair

“The City of Azle is proactively positioning itself with site location consultants, real estate developers, and commercial businesses as a place to do business. A goal was established to create a comprehensive economic development website dedicated to providing data-rich information about the city’s economic climate, incentives, and resources for doing business in the jurisdiction. We are thrilled and honored our efforts have been recognized by this premier association of economic development professionals.” – Tom Muir, Azle City Manager.

“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.” Langley 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 5,000 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, 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. Among many activities which benefit the economy, IEDC’s members create high-quality jobs and develop vibrant communities.

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