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Don Holbrook Recognized for Exceptional Contributions through Service Related to the Practice of Economic Development



Acknowledging Don A. Holbrook for achieving unusual stature in the field of economic development and closely related disciplines, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) awarded Fellow Member status to Mr. Holbrook at IEDC's 2008 Annual Conference, which took place in Atlanta, Georgia, October 19-22.

"The term 'unusual stature' characterizes a member's significant contributions to the profession through service to IEDC and/or academic endeavors directly related to the practice of economic development," said Robin Roberts Krieger, IEDC chair. "Mr. Holbrook is a magnificent example of one who fully embodies this designation."

A Certified Economic Developer, Mr. Holbrook has over 15 years of chief executive level experience in economic development. He served as Executive Director of the following: Wayne County Economic Development Corporation in Indiana; Red Wing Port Authority of Red Wing, Minnesota; Crookston Economic Development Authority, Crookston, Minnesota; and the Progress Plus Economic Development Corporation of South St. Paul-Invergrow Heights, Minnesota. Additionally, Mr. Holbrook was regional Manager and National Subject Matter Expert, Community Economic Development for Verizon Communications of Tampa, Florida, and President and CEO of the Partnership of Economic Development Lake Havasu City, Arizona. He served on the board of the Council for Urban Economic Development, the precursor to IEDC, from 1997 to 1999, and he was president in 1997 of Midwestern/Great Lakes States Professional Economic Development Association, where he served on the executive board for four years.



Mr. Holbrook is a native of Dayton, Ohio. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies and a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Economic Planning Geography from Wright State University. His Master of Business Administration in Technology Management is from the University of Phoenix.

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