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Consultant Connect Announces North America's Top 50 Economic Developers of 2022

KALAMAZOO, Michigan – [Consultant Connect](#), a consulting agency designed to bridge the gap between economic developers and site consultants, announces its 2022 list of North America's Top 50 Economic Developers. The economic development professionals selected for this list were nominated by their colleagues in both the economic development and site location consulting industries for excellent practices, innovation and success in building the communities they serve.

Each Top 50 Economic Developer will be featured individually starting May 9 through the selected social media channels of Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter, where each award recipient will have the opportunity to share industry knowledge, leadership insights and career wisdoms with fellow industry professionals. Consultant Connect strives to lift up the economic development industry by recognizing remarkable economic developers. Recipients will be presented their award at Consultant Connect's [ECONOMIX](#) event in Columbus, OH this December.

"Releasing the Top 50 list is one of Consultant Connect's favorite times of the year because we are so passionate about recognizing economic development leaders' transformative work. This year's group faced hurdles unlike any other Top 50 group has seen over the past year, and we are honored to provide a platform for them to be recognized for the passionate commitment they've made to their communities," said Carla Sones, managing director of Consultant Connect. This annual list recognizing North America's Top 50 Economic Developers is designed to acknowledge top leaders in this field and elevate the conversation around economic development and job creation.

The complete list of North America's Top 50 Economic Developers of 2022 includes:

Ashley Gossen, greater:SATX
Audrey Polk, Greater Richmond Partnership
Barbra Coffee, City of Tucson Office of Economic Initiatives

Beth Bowman, Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce
Brian Anderson, Wabash Valley Power Alliance
Bryan Brackemyre, Indiana Municipal Power Agency

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Bryan Daniels, Blount Partnership
Cal Wray, Development Authority of Augusta, Georgia
Christina Frank, Cornerstone Alliance
Courtney Pogue, Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County
Craig Richard, Tampa Bay Economic Development Council
Danielle Casey, Albuquerque Regional Economic Alliance
Deb Scherer, One Columbus
Dorie Bacon, Screven County Development Authority
Doug Coffey, Georgia Power Economic Development
Elli Bowen, Kansas City Area Development Council / KC SmartPort
Gregg Simon, Metro Atlanta Chamber
Holly Schroeder, Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation
Jack Johns, Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development
Jared Smith, Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance
Jason Giulietti, Greater San Marcos Partnership
Jennifer Owens, Lakeshore Advantage
Jill McCarthy, Kansas City Area Development Council
Jim Staton, The AES Corporation
Joe Raso, Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation
John Truluck, Dorchester County Economic Development

Kathleen Henry, Wake County Economic Development
Kelly Patton, Arizona Public Service (APS)
Kevin Shatley, Dallas Regional Chamber
Larkin Simpson, Louisiana Central
Laura Lea Palmer, Conroe Economic Development Council
Michael Keoshkerian, Toronto Global
Misty Mayo, Development Corporation of Abilene
Molly Howey, GO Topeka
Nelson Lindsay, Central SC Alliance (CSCA)
Nicole Ryf, Hampton Roads Alliance
Peter Denious, AdvanceCT
Peter Frosch, GREATER MSP
Peter Tokar III, McKinney Economic Development Corporation
Ray Dunlap, Terrell Economic Development Corporation
Rebecca Gries, Milwaukee 7
Richard Cornelison, OG&E
Robert Long, Chester County Economic Development
Rob Sitterley, Arkansas-Texas Regional Economic Development Inc. (AR-TX REDI)
Rodrick Miller, Invest Puerto Rico
Ryan Regan, Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce
Scott Powell, Greater Sacramento Economic Council
Stacy Lester, Mississippi Power
Tim Giuliani, Orlando Economic Partnership
Wade Williams, REDI Cincinnati

About Consultant Connect

Consultant Connect works to bridge the gap between leading economic developers and site location consultants through exclusive networking events, educational services and leadership development. Consultant Connect not only gives economic developers an inside look into the world of site selection – it gives them the applicable information necessary to propel their careers and communities forward. For more information, please visit www.consultantconnect.org.

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