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BUSINESS FACILITIES NAMES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS IN FIRST ANNUAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

*More than a dozen state and community organizations across the U.S.
have been recognized for their efforts.*

TINTON FALLS, NJ – **Business Facilities** has announced the winners of its Achievement Awards. The new annual series of Economic Development Awards honors the agencies and organizations that have established and consistently executed the best practices in the industry, bringing measurable success in targeted economic development to the locations they represent. More than a dozen new awards categories include overall economic development excellence awards, best practices awards that cite achievements in specialized programs like workforce training and incentives, and awards for marketing excellence in the use of new media (including social networks and video).

New Jersey's Partnership for Action is the first recipient of the new Achievement in Reorganization of Economic Development Award. This award is in recognition of the scope of the reorganization undertaken by New Jersey with the Partnership for Action plan.

New Jersey organizations also snared the top prize in two other Achievement Awards categories. The New Jersey Economic Development Authority has been selected to receive **Business Facilities'** new Achievement in Targeted Incentives Award for the Urban Transit Hub Tax Credit. **Business Facilities'** first Achievement in Downtown Revitalization Award goes to Brick City Development Corp., Newark, NJ.

Other winners in the Achievement in Targeted Incentives Award category were Louisiana Economic Development (Digital Media and Software Incentive); Nebraska Department of Economic Development (Nebraska Super Advantage); Mississippi Development Authority (Mississippi Aerospace Initiative Incentives); and Northern Kentucky Tri-County Economic Development Corp. (Northern Kentucky Info Cluster Accelerator).

The winner of **Business Facilities'** first Achievement in Public-Private Partnership Award is the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance. Philadelphia Regional Port Authority is the winner of **Business Facilities'** first Achievement in Ports/Foreign Trade Zone Development Award.

Business Facilities selected five standard-bearers to be the first recipients of the Achievement in High-Tech Cluster Development award, which is **Business Facilities'** recognition of the national centers of excellence in each of these emerging high-tech growth clusters. The winners are:

- Kansas Bioscience Authority, for the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility
- Commerce Lexington and the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development for the Kentucky-Argonne Battery Manufacturing R&D Center

- Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities for the Solar Zone at UA Science and Tech Park
- The Capital Region (NY) Economic Development Corp., for the CNSE Nanotech complex
- The Virginia Partnership for the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing.

Louisiana Economic Development is the winner of *Business Facilities'* first Achievement in Workforce Training Award for the Louisiana FastStart program. Fairfax County (VA) Economic Development Authority is the winner of *Business Facilities'* Achievement in Business Retention and Expansion Award.

A feature article on the new Economic Development Awards appears in the March/April issue of *Business Facilities* and on BusinessFacilities.com.

ABOUT BUSINESS FACILITIES

Business Facilities magazine is a leading national publication reaching top site selection professionals, providing them with the critical information they need to make location choices for expansions, relocations or new facilities. In each issue, *Business Facilities* covers the latest economic development initiatives, identifying new growth sectors and the locations that are successfully targeting these emerging industries.

