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CITY OF GREENBELT RECEIVES 2023 EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SILVER AWARD FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Greenbelt, MD – The City of Greenbelt received a 2023 Excellence in Economic Development Silver Award from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). The award was bestowed specifically for the organization's work in the Small Business Assistance for the Best Uses of Federal Economic Development Resources category that impacted 25,000 residents. Kevin Simpson, Economic Development Manager, representing the City of Greenbelt, was acknowledged and honored at the IEDC 2023 Annual Conference during the inaugural Recognition Night event in Dallas, TX, on September 19.

"The City of Greenbelt has raised the bar for excellence in economic development with its Small Business Assistance program. This award is a testament to the City of Greenbelt's dedication to its residents and serves as a great example of how economic development can help transform a community for the better," said Nathan Ohle, IEDC President and CEO. "It is IEDC's honor and privilege to present the City of Greenbelt with this award and recognize its leadership and innovation in the field of economic development!"

Every year, IEDC looks specifically for economic development organizations, government entities, initiatives, and programs that have demonstrated consistent, exemplary performance in the economic development profession, leading the execution of projects that have a significant impact on revitalizing communities and playing a major role in shaping and improving the practice of economic development.

"We are profoundly honored to receive the 2023 IEDC Silver Award, a testament to our commitment to bolstering Greenbelt's economy by supporting our small businesses. These businesses are more than just numbers; they are the lifeblood of Greenbelt and the American economy at large. Our dedicated team, led by the likes of Kevin Simpson, has worked relentlessly to leverage federal economic resources to assist and uplift our small businesses, ensuring that Greenbelt remains a thriving and vibrant community for all," said Josue Salmeron, City Manager. "This award underscores the promising horizon of economic growth in Greenbelt."

"As the Economic Development Manager for the City of Greenbelt, this prestigious award places Greenbelt in a great position on an international and regional scale. Furthermore, it demonstrates the City's continued work to promote the attraction, expansion, and retention of business and investment in our community," said Kevin Simpson. "Many thanks to our City Council, city leadership, community members, and staff, who were pivotal in every aspect of our program. This award belongs to all of us."

About the City of Greenbelt

The City of Greenbelt is a diverse, welcoming community of 25,000 residents and 600 businesses located just outside Washington, D.C. It is widely known as an affordable public cooperative community founded in the New Deal era. Greenbelt prioritizes being environmentally friendly and has abundant parks, trails, and lakes to enjoy. The city has a

national historic landmark district and is home to the nation's first space flight complex, the NASA Goddard Flight Center. For more information on the city, go to www.GreenbeltMD.gov.

About the International Economic Development Council

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit, non-partisan membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 4,300 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 engage in the full range of economic development practices. Given the breadth of economic development work, our members are employed in various settings, including local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions. When we succeed, our members create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions. Learn more at www.iedconline.org.

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