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PEDA Announces Economic Development Awards

Indiana, PA (October 22, 2019) – During its annual fall conference, held this year at the *Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex*, the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association (PEDA) honored a number of individuals for their demonstration of outstanding accomplishments in economic development.

On behalf of PEDA leadership, Board President James Becker congratulated award recipients, sharing that he was “pleased to see recognition bestowed upon both a lifelong public servant, who’s spent his career working to advance the cause of economic development and two emerging leaders whose careers are young, but whose positive impacts on their respective communities have been undeniable.”

A summary of awards presented is as follows:

President’s Award:

Scott Dunkelberger, Senior Advisor with the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED), was recognized for his commitment, leadership and dedication to economic development in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania over a career that has spanned parts of four decades. He has held many key positions, in that time, including serving as Director of The Center for Business Financing, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) and Executive Deputy Secretary of DCED. And, as he accepted each position of advanced responsibility, Scott’s efforts to highlight the direct impacts of economic development efforts on the health and growth of the Commonwealth and his advocacy for the development of effective programs and the need for adequate funding only grew stronger. He has been a true champion of economic development.

Young Professionals to Watch Awards:

The first recipients of this new PEDA award were Angela Annibale, Deputy Executive Director of the Economic Progress Alliance of Crawford County and Tom Seasoltz, CFO of the Altoona Blair County Development Corporation. Nominated by their organizations and endorsed by key stakeholders from their respective areas of the state, both recipients were recognized as exceptional members of their communities who have played key roles in successful economic development initiatives, advocated for the economic development profession and exhibited

leadership qualities that have distinguished them as future leaders within the industry in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

About Pennsylvania Economic Development Association

PEDA's mission is to promote sound economic development policies, provide leading-edge economic development education and nurture an effective statewide economic development network to foster the economic growth of the Commonwealth.

PEDA's membership is comprised of county and regional economic developers, state government economic development employees, workforce development professionals, utility and transportation executives, industrial development authority directors, operators of industrial and technology incubators, chamber of commerce executives, municipal directors of community and economic development, engineering and construction executives, economic development finance professionals, commercial and industrial developers, and local, county and state elected officials. For further information, visit www.peda.org.

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