



NM Industrial Development Executives Association

2023 Annual Awards

Dear Mr. Murphy:

The NM IDEA Awards are given to individuals to encourage, recognize and promote outstanding achievement and professionalism in the field of economic development. There are five awards recognized each year.

- **Dallan Sanders Award:** The Dallan Sanders Award is given in honor of Dallan Sanders of Portales, New Mexico. This Award is given in recognition of a person's dedication and achievements in rural economic development in New Mexico.
- **Chase Gentry Developer of the Year Award:** Recognizes the outstanding efforts of a person who spearheaded a major project that relocated, consolidated, or expanded in New Mexico during the preceding twelve (12) months. A person who prepared a community for economic growth in a unique way is also eligible.
- **NM First Award:** Recognition of a person whose career has exemplified a statewide impact on economic development in legislation, community assistance or job creation.
- **Volunteer of the Year Award:** This Award is given to a person who has contributed to the success of a significant project that created or enhanced jobs in their community during the past twelve (12) months.
- **The Ben Lujan Public Servant of the Year Award:** This Award recognizes an individual that has played a key role in economic development in New Mexico during the past twelve (12) months. The Award is open to elected officials and government employees.

On behalf of the NM IDEA Board of Directors, I am sincerely pleased to inform you that you were nominated for the **Dallan Sanders Award** and selected as the recipient. It is a privilege and an honor to call you a colleague in our great State of New Mexico, thank you for serving the profession of economic development and we hope you can join us for the Annual Meeting on January 25, 2024 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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NMIDEA, Board President