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City of El Paso Receives Excellence in Economic Development Gold Award

El Paso, Texas—The City of El Paso is proud to announce that it has been awarded the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) 2024 Excellence in Economic Development Gold Award.

The city was selected from over 500 applicants and recognized for its outstanding efforts in fostering economic recovery and resilience through the innovative Business One-Stop-Shop (BOSS) Entrepreneurial Support Organizations (ESO) Network.

Launched on June 8, 2021, by the City's Economic & International Development Department, the BOSS initiative has been instrumental in strengthening El Paso's small business community. By uniting over 20 Entrepreneurial Support Organizations, BOSS has created a collaborative and equitable network designed to support business recovery, retention, and growth.

"We are absolutely thrilled to announce this year's award winners. These exceptional projects showcase remarkable dedication and ingenuity within the field," said Kevin Kramer, Chair of IEDC's Excellence in Economic Development Awards Advisory Committee. "El Paso's contributions will leave a lasting impact and demonstrate its commitment to creating positive change for its residents."

"This award is a testament to the resilience and entrepreneurial spirit of our community," said Mirella Tamayo, Economic Development Assistant Director. "The success of the BOSS initiative reflects the collective effort of our dedicated team and partners who are committed to ensuring that El Paso's small businesses thrive. We are honored to be recognized on an international stage and will continue to work tirelessly to support and grow our local economy."

The IEDC annually seeks out economic development organizations, government entities, initiatives, and programs that have demonstrated consistent, exemplary performance in the economic development profession. These awards highlight projects that significantly impact the revitalization of communities and shape the future of economic development.

The Excellence in Economic Development Awards program showcases transformative projects that significantly impact communities. The awards are presented annually at the IEDC Conference and through various communication channels.

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