

**Excellence in Economic Development Award**

**Application Form**

Presented at LACCE State Conference

Deadline to Apply: July 31 2025

Submit to: lacce@louisianachambers.org

# Section 1: Chamber Information

Chamber Name:

Executive Director/President:

Mailing Address:

City / State / ZIP:

Phone:

Email:

Website:

Primary Contact for this Application (if different):

# Section 2: Overview of Economic Development Initiative

Title or Name of Initiative or Program:

Timeframe of Project or Campaign: (e.g., January 2024 – April 2025)

Brief Summary of the Economic Development Focus (150 words max):
Provide a high-level description of your initiative and intended outcomes.

# Section 3: Narrative Questions (Attach up to 5 pages total)

Please respond to each of the following sections. Be specific, concise, and provide measurable outcomes where applicable. Supporting documents may be attached but are not required.

## 1. Strategic Economic Development Planning

Describe your Chamber’s strategic goals related to economic development. How was this initiative developed, and how does it align with your mission and broader economic strategy?

## 2. Business Attraction, Retention, or Expansion

Explain how the initiative contributed to recruiting new businesses, supporting existing businesses, or fostering expansion. Include any measurable impacts such as job creation, investment, or retention efforts.

## 3. Workforce Development & Talent Strategies

Describe how your initiative addressed workforce development needs or talent pipeline growth. Include partnerships with education, training providers, or workforce agencies.

## 4. Innovation & Entrepreneurship Support

How did this initiative support entrepreneurship, startups, or innovation? Highlight programming, incentives, space development, or mentorship resources.

## 5. Community Engagement & Partnerships

Explain how the Chamber collaborated with local governments, economic development organizations, educational institutions, or other stakeholders. What partnerships enhanced the impact of this effort?

## 6. Outcomes, Impact & ROI

Provide measurable results from the initiative. This can include new jobs, investment, business startups, educational outcomes, or policy outcomes. Explain how success was measured and reported.

## 7. Sustainability & Replicability

How will this initiative continue to deliver results over time? Could it be replicated by other chambers or regions? Highlight long-term planning or policy integration.

# Section 4: Supporting Materials (Optional)

You may attach up to 5 additional pages of relevant documentation, such as:

• Economic impact reports or data visualizations

• Photos of events, developments, or activities

• Letters of support from partners or elected officials

• Media coverage (articles, press releases, interviews)

• Program brochures, maps, or promotional materials

# Section 5: Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I grant permission for the submitted materials to be used for promotional or educational purposes if selected.

Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date: