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## Fowler Named Top 50 Economic Developer in Nation



### **North America's Top 50 Economic Developers are Back In A New Way: Consultant Connect Announces Leaders In The Industry**

**KALAMAZOO, Michigan** ? Consultant Connect, a consulting agency designed to bridge the gap between economic developers and site consultants, announces its 2018 list of North America's Top 50 Economic Developers. The economic development professionals selected for this list were nominated by their colleagues in both the economic development industry and the site consultant community for excellent practices, innovation and

success in building the communities they serve.

Each top 50 economic developer will be featured individually from September 17 through November 30 through the selected social media channels of LinkedIn and Twitter. Each of the award winners will share their expertise in the field and a few leadership insights they've learned along the way. Consultant Connect strives to lift up this industry by recognizing remarkable economic developers for the entire economic development community to learn from. Each recipient will receive their award at Consultant Connect's ECONOMIC event in Nashville this December.

This annual list recognizing North America's Top 50 Economic Developers is designed to acknowledge the hard work of the top leaders in this field and elevate the conversation around economic development and job creation, said Ron Kitchens, managing partner of Consultant Connect. Each of the leaders represented on this year's list are beyond deserving of this recognition for their efforts in building our communities.

The complete list of North America's Top 50 Economic Developers includes:

*Alex Philips*, City of Burleson Economic Development

*Amanda Nobles*, Kilgore Economic Development Corporation

*Brenda Robbins*, Georgia Power

*Brian Anderson*, Wabash Valley Power

*Brittany Holtzclaw*, Georgia Department of Economic Development

*Cathy Chambers*, JAXUSA Partnership

*Chris Strayer*, Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce

*Christie Cooper Myers*, Oklahoma Department of Commerce

**Dale Fowler, CECD- Victoria Economic Development Corp. Tx.**

*Danielle Scheiner*, Conroe Economic Development Council

*David Griggs*, MetroHartford Alliance

*Donna Maisel*, Marshall Economic Development Corporation

*Erin Schneider*, Duke Energy

*Gary Tonjes*, Albuquerque Economic Development

*Grady Fitzpatrick*, Greater New Orleans Inc.

*Greg Hitchin*, City of Waynesboro

*Greg Wathen*, Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana

*Greg Word*, Greater Jackson Alliance

*Gregg Simon*, Metro Atlanta Chamber

*Heidi Smith*, Tennessee Valley Authority

*James Chavez*, South Carolina Power Team

*James Otterstein*, Rock County Economic Development Agency

*Jason Ford*, Greater Houston Partnership

*Jason Giulietti*, Connecticut Economic Resource Center

*Jay Schwedler*, Sumter (SC) Economic Development | The LinkSC Alliance

*Jeff Hite*, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce

*Jefferson Traywick*, Birmingham Business Alliance

*Jenna Kavanaugh*, Invest Buffalo Niagara

*Jeremy Sowders*, Hoosier Energy

*Jerry Bologna*, Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission

*Jill Bland*, Southwest Michigan First

*Keith Norden*, Team Volusia Economic Development Corporation

*Kelly Violette*, Tomball Economic Development Corporation

*Lee Crume*, JobsOhio

*Margaret O'Riley*, Duke Energy

*Mark Peterson, Intersect Illinois*

*Marvin Price, Charlotte Regional Partnership*

*Matt McQuade, Columbus 2020*

*Matthew Godinez, Chanutte Regional Development Authority*

*Michael Buranyi, County of Brant, Ontario Canada*

*Michele Boggs, San Antonio Economic Development Foundation*

*Rachel Pierson Delamain, Baton Rouge Area Chamber*

*Richard Blackwell, Agracel, Inc.*

*Rick Byars, Gulf Power Company*

*Scott Darnell, Paducah Economic Development*

*Shane Homan, Community Development Foundation of Tupelo Mississippi*

*Shannon Ogletree, Santa Rosa County Economic Development Office*

*Sherry Ambrose, Florida Power & Light*

*Tricia Braun, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation*

*Victoria Hirschberg, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development*

### **About Consultant Connect**

Consultant Connect is designed to bridge the gap between leading economic developers and location consultants through exclusive networking events, educational services and leadership development. Consultant Connect not only gives economic developers an inside look into the world of site selection ? it gives them the applicable information necessary to propel their careers and communities forward. For more information, please visit [www.consultantconnect.org](http://www.consultantconnect.org) or call 269.207.4982.