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 2017 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 in an ebook. These industry leaders will be interviewed for the ebook to share their expertise in the field and 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.

“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:

Abby Liu, McKinney Economic Development Corporation, Texas
Ben White, Round Rock Chamber
Benjamin Teague, Economic Development Coalition for Asheville-Buncombe County
Bentley Story, Arkansas Economic Development Commission
Beth Doughty, Roanoke Regional Partnership
Brad Smidt, Greater Phoenix Economic Council
Brian Hilson, Birmingham Business Alliance
Buddy Rizer, Loudoun County Department of Economic Development
Carrie Chenery, Shenandoah Valley Partnership
Cathy Chambers, JAXUSA Partnership
Chris Wimsatt, Team Volusia Economic Development Corporation
Clark Krause, BVEP
Clay Walker, NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership
About Consultant Connect
Consultant Connect is designed to bridge the gap between leading economic developers and location consultants through exclusive networking events and educational services. 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 communities forward. For more information, please visit www.consultantconnect.org or call 269.207.4982.

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