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LAKE SUPERIOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP RECEIVES HONORABLE MENTION AT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Marquette, MI-based Organization Recognized for Partnership Endeavor

Acknowledging Lake Superior Community Partnership for its partnership with Northern Michigan University, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) recognized the Marquette, Michigan-based entity with an Honorable Mention at IEDC's Annual Conference, which took place in Atlanta, Georgia, October 19-22. The organization was noticed for this achievement during an awards ceremony on Tuesday, October 21st.

"Economic development efforts have long been a keystone in the quest to bolster the economy and improve quality of life in every locality across the country," said Robin Roberts Krieger, IEDC chair. "As the nation continues to tackle longstanding challenges in the midst of an inhospitable financial climate, these efforts have taken on an even greater significance. With the award, we laud trendsetting organizations like Lake Superior Community Partnership for leading the charge."

Competing in the category of Partnerships with Educational Institutions by organizations serving areas with populations between 50,000 and 200,000, Lake Superior Community Partnership was a clear standout. The Electrical Line Technician Program graduated its 5th class in April 2008 with a placement rate of nearly 80%. The program was requested by regionwide utility companies because of current and future needs for trained line technicians. The industry partners, Lake Superior Community Partnership Foundation, regional workforce development agency and Northern Michigan University join together to create a model recognized by the state of Michigan's Department of Labor and Economic Growth. The program is a pre-apprenticeship program that prepares students to install, maintain, and operate electrical systems to supply energy to residential, commercial and industrial customers and underground generation facilities.

Amy Clickner, Chief Executive Officer of the Lake Superior Community Partnership comments, "It was truly an honor to accept this award on behalf of the electrical line technician program and all its partners at the International EDC conference. The award category, Partnerships with Education, was new this year making our program the very first to receive recognition in the rural division. The exposure the program received because of this award was tremendous with 1,400 IEDC participants from 48 states and 16 countries."

* Pictured from left are Robin Roberts Krieger, Executive Vice President, Greater Oklahoma City Chamber and Chair of the IEDC Board of Directors; Amy J. Clickner, Chief Executive Officer, Lake Superior Community Partnership and Todd Greene, Assistant Vice President, Community & Economic Development Research & Policy, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and Chair of the Awards Task Force.

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is headquartered in Washington, DC. Its mission is to provide leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members and partners. IEDC's professional economic development awards annually recognize excellence in the economic development profession.

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