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## **Hutto Economic Development Corporation Named First Accredited Economic Development Organization<sup>®</sup> in Austin Region**

Washington, DC – The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is pleased to announce that the Hutto Economic Development Corporation has been recognized as **one of only 25** economic development organizations accredited by IEDC as an Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO).

“The Hutto Economic Development Corporation displays the professionalism, commitment, and technical expertise that is deserving of this honor. Earning the AEDO accreditation tells the community and prospects that the Hutto Economic Development Corporation has attained a measure of excellence assuring that their trust is well-placed and their business is in good hands,” said IEDC President and CEO, Jeff Finkle.

“Being designated an Accredited Economic Development Organization is a significant milestone in Hutto’s economic development journey,” said Hutto Economic Development Corporation Board President Mario Perez.

The AEDO program is a comprehensive peer review process that measures economic development organizations against commonly held standards in the profession. The program consists of two phases: documentation review and an onsite visit. Each phase is designed to evaluate information about the structure, organization, funding, programs, and staff of the candidate economic development organization. The onsite visit was conducted by AEDO Committee Chair Sharon Ward, CECD, of Allentown, PA, and David Leezer, CECD, of St. Louis, MO.

Maintenance of the AEDO status is required every three years and is accomplished through documentation submission and/or onsite visits by a team of the AEDO subcommittee.

### **About the International Economic Development Council**

The International Economic Development Council is the largest membership association serving economic and community development professionals in the world. With over 4,600 members nationwide and abroad, IEDC offers the economic development profession one source for information and professional development, one voice for the profession and one force for advocacy.



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### **About the Hutto Economic Development Corporation**

The Hutto Economic Development Corporation is the designated economic development entity for Hutto, TX. Formed through an election of Hutto voters in 1997, the Hutto Economic Development Corporation is funded by a half cent economic development sales tax collected in the city of Hutto. It is governed by a seven member board selected by Hutto City Council. The purpose of the Hutto Economic Development Corporation is to facilitate quality employment opportunities and capital investment in the city of Hutto.

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