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City Economic Developer Earns National Certification

DELAWARE – City of Delaware Economic Development Coordinator Gus Comstock earned the designation of Certified Economic Developer (CEcD). The national recognition denotes a mastery of principal skills in economic development, professional attainment and a commitment to personal and professional growth.

The CEcD exam was administered by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) on May 19- 20 in Kansas City.

With eight years of economic development experience with the City of Delaware, Comstock has worked with local and state officials on more than 50 projects. In excess of 2,000 new jobs have been created and the average salary of new jobs has increased from about \$25,000 per year to more than \$37,000 per year.

“A tremendous amount of cooperation between the city, chamber of commerce, city schools, county, and the Mid Ohio Development Exchange has allowed us to successfully attract new businesses to Delaware,” Comstock said.

The CEcD designation recognizes qualified and dedicated practitioners in the economic development field and sets the standard of excellence within the profession. Candidates must pass a rigorous and comprehensive three-part, two-day examination, which tests a practitioner’s knowledge, proficiency and judgment in the key areas of economic development, including business retention and expansion, marketing, finance, workforce development, community development, real estate, strategic planning, and management. There are currently more than 1,500 CEcDs in the United States.

The International Economic Development Council is the premiere organization for the economic development profession. Serving more than 4,000 members, IEDC is the world’s largest professional membership organization providing a diversity of economic development services, including research and advisory services, conferences, professional development and legislative tracking.

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