

In communities across the country, economic development organizations, workforce development boards and chambers of commerce focus on growing thriving economies, where businesses flourish, communities prosper, and the local workforce is skilled to match current and future employer needs. Collaboration between these three entities is critical for communities to bolster talent development and business attraction and retention; regions thrive when there is shared vision and collaboration that drives economic prosperity.

To further catalyze these organizations working in greater alignment, the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB), with the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) and the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) commit to lift up impactful local collaborations as examples of what can happen when their respective members intentionally align their work around common goals to build stronger economies and communities. The alignment of these associations, and their respective members, is crucial to driving economic prosperity in communities and regions. By working together, NAWB, IEDC and ACCE can lift up successful examples of collaboration happening on the ground and drive successful collaboration in the future.

Over the next twelve months, NAWB, ACCE, and IEDC will:

- **Build Awareness:** Educate respective national office and network team members about the partnership, including structure and key activities of each organization.
- **Promote Connection:** Share contact information of appropriate people from national and local offices to encourage communication and relationship building.
- **Support Collaboration:** Provide materials with examples of how local entities can work together, including initial connection points such as invitations to events, case studies and briefs about more significant partnerships.
- **Spotlight Success:** Share impactful examples of collaboration with the collective ecosystem, including through social media, conference presentations, and other venues as appropriate.
- **Celebrate and Amplify:** Highlight and share success stories, conference opportunities, and new initiatives of all three organizations to their respective members.
- **Review & Renew:** Review this agreement annually to consider progress, learnings, and potential next steps.

Through this joint commitment, NAWB, IEDC and ACCE reflect the importance of these three critical components of a community's economic infrastructure working together to achieve greater impact.

About the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives

The Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) is the association representing and serving the chamber of commerce industry focused on strengthening its 1,600 member chambers, with more than 10,000 chamber professionals engaging in its work. ACCE members represent 1.2 million organizations, nearly 3 million executives, and 70 million employees.

About the International Economic Development Council

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is the world's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization for economic developers, bringing together more than 5,000 professionals. Members work across cities, counties, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, and more to create jobs, drive growth, and build vibrant, resilient communities. IEDC

offers education, resources, research, advocacy and connections that empower professionals to drive meaningful change in communities and regions.

About the National Association of Workforce Boards

The National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) serves, supports and represents the nation's more than 580 Workforce Development Boards, which coordinate with education and economic development stakeholders to administer regional workforce programs which meet the needs of jobseekers, career-seekers, businesses, and communities.

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