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## **Town Receives Excellence Awards for Economic Development**

The Town of Vienna is getting national recognition for its economic development success with two Excellence in Economic Development Awards from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). The awards were announced at the organization's annual conference on Sept. 19, 2023, in Dallas, TX.

Vienna received the gold award for its 2023 Restaurant Week promotion. The Town also received the bronze award for the Economic Development Department's Explore Vienna VA website.

"Vienna's Economic Development Division has raised the bar for excellence in economic development with its new website for Town businesses and the 2023 Vienna Restaurant Week program," said Nathan Ohle, IEDC President and CEO. "These awards are a great example of how economic development can help transform a community for the better."

The IEDC is a non-profit organization serving those who promote economic wellbeing in the community. Every year, IEDC recognizes communities that demonstrate innovation and exemplary performance in the economic development field.

"I am incredibly proud of our team's achievements this year," said Natalie Monkou, Town of Vienna Economic Development Director. "These awards inspire us to keep pushing boundaries to further serve Vienna businesses and enhance the quality of life for all Vienna residents."

To learn more about economic development in the Town of Vienna, visit www.ExploreViennaVA.com.