



LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

The Lifetime Service Award recognition honors members prior to retirement who have gone above and beyond for the association during their economic development careers. The recipients are selected by the NCEDA Board of Directors.

CRITERIA

Nominees must meet the following requirements in order to be nominated:

- *Nominees do not have to be retired but do have to meet an age requirement of 50.*
- *Nominees must have a minimum of 20 years of engaged service to NCEDA.*
- *Nominees must be a present member of NCEDA with demonstrated impact to the economic development profession and multiple years of leadership and service to the association.*
- *Members cannot nominate themselves for this award.*

2022 LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

- **Ken Atkins (posthumously)**
- **Charles Hayes**
- **Scott Millar**
- **Ernie Pearson**

2023 LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

- **Dale Carroll**
- **Bob Leak Jr.**
- **Dianne Reid**

2024 LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

- **Loren Hill**
- **Walt Sprouse**
- **Katherine Thomas**

2025 LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

- **Donny Hicks**
- **John Nelms**