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The New Mexico IDEA (NMIDEA) announced today the recipients of the association's annual awards. NMIDEA is a 30-year-old association of economic developers, city officials and development related executives interested in and working toward the promotion of New Mexico.

Each year the NMIDEA recognizes individuals for their outstanding contribution and tireless efforts on behalf of the association, their communities and the State of New Mexico.

George Bootes, NMIDEA's president, announces the following four award recipients:

1. **Public Servant of the Year Award:** Elizabeth Davis, Marketing Director, NM Economic Development Department
2. **Economic Developer of the Year Award:** Angela Talbot, Senior Business Development Manager, NM Partnership
3. **Dallan Sanders Award:** Robert Donnell, Executive Director, Roswell Chaves County Economic Development Corporation
4. **New Mexico First Award:** Deirdre Firth, City of Albuquerque, Manager, Economic Development Department

The award recipients were nominated by their peers and selected by a panel of NMIDEA's past presidents. In recognizing the accomplishments of the four award recipients, president George Bootes stated, "These individuals are outstanding in the economic development field and these awards are a symbol of their professionalism, commitment to the association and the State of New Mexico's economic development efforts."

Doug Brown, Dean of the Anderson School of Business, was keynote speaker of the awards dinner. UNM Professor of Ethics, Sarah Smith, was a keynote speaker during the day-long conference. and awards banquet.

For more information on NMIDEA visit us at www.nmidea.com.

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NMIDEA's Mission is to promote New Mexico's economic growth through focused advocacy of economic development issues, providing networking, education and training opportunities for its members.