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Pinkney Innovation Complex of Science & Technology at Montgomery College Receives Excellence in Economic Development Award from the International Economic Development Council

WASHINGTON, DC (Sept. 19, 2017) – The Pinkney Innovation Complex of Science & Technology at Montgomery College received a Bronze Excellence in Economic Development Award for its *PIC MC Promotional Video, a* project in the category of Video/Multimedia Promotion from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC).

The honor was presented at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, Sept. 19, during the IEDC Annual Conference, which was held Sept. 17 - 20, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

"On behalf of the IEDC board of directors and Excellence in Economic Development Awards Advisory Committee, congratulations to the Pinkney Innovation Complex of Science and Technology at Montgomery College. Not only did they work to provide a necessary service to their community; but also, their participation in the awards program sheds light on their stellar projects which other communities can now use as a benchmark." - Michael Langley, FM, CEO of GREATER MSP, Minneapolis–St. Paul, MN, and 2017 IEDC Board Chair

Montgomery College (MC) is a community college serving nearly 60,000 highly diverse students with three campuses located in Montgomery County, Maryland, within the National Capital Region. The Germantown campus is home to the Pinkney Innovation Complex for Science and Technology at Montgomery College, or PIC MC, an integrated academic, business and research district.

The goal is to develop the Germantown Campus to become increasingly known as the center of a Germantown Innovation District—a hub of education, business, and entrepreneurship— an attractive place for makers and takers of jobs, where industry partners co-locate and actively interact with faculty and students to achieve both educational and economic success.

"The awards process is a thorough, non-biased and multi-layered process. These are extraordinary accomplishments for all winners, and an overall great effort by all participants. We look forward to next year's awards competition," Langley said.

About the International Economic Development Council

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 5,000 members, IEDC is the largest organization of its kind. Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities, by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base. From public to private, rural to urban, and local to international, IEDC's members are engaged in the full range of economic development experience. Given the breadth of economic development work, our members are employed in a wide variety of settings including local, state, provincial and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other institutions. Among many activities which benefit the economy, IEDC's members create high-quality jobs and develop vibrant communities. <u>www.iedcONLINE.org</u>.