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**EAU CLAIRE AREA CELEBRATES 2ND ANNUAL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK**

EAU CLAIRE, WI – Eau Claire is celebrating the work of the economic development profession with the 2nd annual Economic Development Week, May 8-13, 2017.

Economic Development Week was created by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) in 2016 with the goal of increasing awareness for local programs that create jobs, advance career development opportunities, and increase the quality of life. It is being held during the week of IEDC's 91st anniversary as the largest professional membership organization for economic developers.

Economic developers are charged with generating economic growth, creating better jobs for residents, and facilitating an improved quality of life. The economic development efforts provided by economic developers are being showcased this week nationally. The City of Eau Claire and Eau Claire Area Economic Development Corporation are helping to celebrate the profession and the professionals that work hard to create opportunity for all citizens and their communities.

A series of events are planned this week. Eau Claire City Council President Kerry Kincaid will issue a proclamation on Tuesday, May 9 declaring it Economic Development Week in the City. The City Council meeting is at 4 p.m. The Eau Claire Area Economic Development Corporation is hosting an Economic Development Week reception sponsored by Xcel Energy. The reception is Thursday, May 11 from 4:00pm-6:00pm at the Chippewa Valley Innovation Center, 3132 Louis Avenue. A presentation starts at 5 p.m.

See <http://www.eauclaire-wi.com/EDW2017/> for a complete schedule of events!

About the Economic Development Division:

As a division of the City of Eau Claire, our mission is to grow local businesses, facilitate expansions, and recruit outside businesses to locate in Eau Claire in order to increase quality of living, add well-paying jobs and grow the tax base.

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