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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## Illinois Chamber of Commerce Opens Nominations for 2017 Edie Awards Highlighting Outstanding Economic Development Projects

Awards supported by IEDA and sponsored by Nicor Gas

SPRINGFIELD, May, 10 2017 – The Illinois Chamber of Commerce announced it is now accepting nominations for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Economic Development in Illinois Awards – the Edies.

The Edies honor outstanding economic development projects completed in the calendar year of 2016 that imagine, design, invest, build and bring jobs, growth and prosperity to Illinois communities.

"This is a great opportunity for local businesses and communities to show their achievements from 2016. Illinois Economic Development Association (IEDA) sees this as an opportunity to generate positive exposure to those helping Illinois prosper," said Betty Steinert, chair of the Illinois Economic Development Association.

The Illinois Chamber is again pairing with the IEDA to present the awards. The 2017 Edies are sponsored by Nicor Gas, a leader in economic development.

"Tremendous economic development projects are being built in Illinois. The Illinois Chamber of Commerce is excited to highlight the best of these projects through the Edie Awards," said Illinois Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Todd Maisch.

Traditionally nominations are made by economic development leaders. Nominations are being accepted now and forms are available <u>here</u>. For additional questions, please contact Katie Stonewater at the Illinois Chamber of Commerce at <u>kstonewater@ilchamber.org</u>. Nominations are due by 5 p.m. June 16, 2017.

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