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## Provincial Awards for Excellence in Economic Development

The Economic Developers Association of Manitoba (EDAM) held their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Manitoba Economic Development Awards on September 22, 2022. These awards recognize excellence in Economic Development across the province of Manitoba. Four categories are represented each year including, Rising Star Award, Project of the Year Award Under \$100,000, Project of the Year Award Over \$100,000, and Award of Distinction.

This year there were 14 nominations within the four categories. The awards were held in Winnipeg, MB during the EDAM Fall Forum September 20 - 23. "The calibre of nominations that have been submitted for these awards is not surprising. Manitoba is a host to some exceptionally skillful economic development practitioners. We also see a strong economic drive from many communities," stated EDAM Chairperson Tyler King.

The winners announced were as follows:

Rising Star Award – Eric Forster, Regional EDO, Crocus Country Economic Development Corporation

Project of the Year Award Under \$100,000 - FrancoFish, CDEM

Project of the Year Award Over \$100,000 – Facility Expansion, Russell's Lots-A-Tots Inc.

**Award of Distinction** – Susan Bater, Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program Manager, Community Futures Manitoba and Saskatchewan

"On behalf of EDAM, congratulations to all the nominees and the winners," said King.

EDAM is a dynamic organization which aims to connect, educate and inform the various practitioners and groups of practitioners working in the field of economic development in Manitoba. "EDAM is happy to support, educate and recognize the economic development sector in Manitoba," said King. To find out more about EDAM or to become a member visit edamonline.ca.

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