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## **Rep. Amy Loudenbeck Receives WEDA's Champion of Economic Development Legislative Award**

**Madison, WI** – The Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA) recently presented State Representative Amy Loudenbeck (R-Clinton) with the organization’s 2022 “Champion of Economic Development” award for her work on legislative initiatives to drive economic growth in Wisconsin. The award presentation, which was attended by economic development professionals from across Wisconsin, was held as part of WEDA’s 2022 Fall Best Practices Conference in La Crosse, WI.

“From the first day Rep. Loudenbeck walked through the doors of the State Capitol, she has been committed to advancing policies and programs that drive economic growth and prosperity for her constituents and the people and businesses of Wisconsin,” said Michael Welsh, WEDA V.P. of Legislative Affairs. “WEDA greatly appreciates her important work on economic development issues, which began during her early days in office and continued without fail through the 2021-22 legislative session. On behalf of WEDA and our members across the state, I want to thank Rep. Loudenbeck for her efforts.”

The “Champion of Economic Development” award is presented at the end of each legislative session to state lawmakers who demonstrate extraordinary support for important economic development policies. This year WEDA is presenting the award to 20 state lawmakers who showed an exceptional commitment to growing Wisconsin’s economy based on several factors, including voting record, sponsorship of legislation, and responsiveness to critical economic development issues.

Rep. Loudenbeck earned the “Champion of Economic Development” designation for her leadership during the state budget process on key economic development initiatives, ranging from talent attraction funding and rural broadband expansion to tax relief and preservation of the Manufacturing and Agriculture Tax Credit. She was also a strong advocate on proposals to encourage the development of much-needed workforce housing and to alleviate Wisconsin’s labor shortage crisis.

Loudenbeck, who was first elected to the Wisconsin Assembly in 2010, represents the 31<sup>st</sup> Assembly District, which covers portions of Rock and Walworth Counties, including the City of Elkhorn and the Villages of Clinton and Darien. She serves as the Assembly Vice-Chair of the Legislature’s powerful Joint Finance Committee. She is currently running for Wisconsin Secretary of State.

The Wisconsin Economic Development Association, founded in 1975, is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to growing Wisconsin’s economy. Driven by the needs of our members, we represent the economic development interests of both the private and public sectors through professional development, best practices, and advocacy.

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