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JIM ROWLAND, TEDC MEMBER, HONORED WITH LEGACY AWARD BY STATEWIDE  
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(NASHVILLE, Tenn.) – The Tennessee Economic Development Council (TEDC) has recognized Jim Rowland as a recipient of the Legacy Award. Mr. Rowland’s experience and leadership in economic development were honored in his award selection as TEDC’s Legacy Award Winner.

“I am honored to have received this recognition from the Tennessee Economic Development Council,” said Mr. Rowland. “It is a pleasure to work in a profession that I have cared so deeply about for many years.”

Jim became a member of TEDC in 1976 and has been actively involved in a number of organizations since. He was selected as a member of the first class of the Jackson Chamber’s Leadership Jackson in 1979, the second oldest leadership development program in the state. In 1982, Jim worked for Forcum Lannom Contractors in Dyersburg as Director of Business Development and was later named Vice President of Business Development.

“I have known Jim since I first began working at Forcum Lannom in 1988 as an engineering student in the UT Co-op program,” said Mike Sanders, President/CEO, Forcum Lannom Contractors, LLC. “Jim’s tireless service in efforts to further economic development and his selfless attitude toward others have always been evident in his work with Forcum Lannom. His contributions to Forcum Lannom and to economic development in Tennessee are numerous and far reaching. He is a true business development professional and a good friend. I couldn’t think of anyone else more deserving of this award.”

Over the history of Jim’s membership in TEDC, he served on the TEDC board numerous times and underwent leadership positions to later become President of TEDC in 1996. He also assisted in creating the annual Fred Harris Professional of the Year Award.

Jim is also a member of several ECD organizations and chambers in the state. He has served on boards for Tennessee Tomorrow, the Governor’s Workforce Development Board,

and is a longtime member and former treasurer of the Tennessee Economic Partnership. Most recently, in 2014, Jim was awarded the TEDC Lifetime Membership.

“I am proud to call Jim a friend and consider him one of the people I respect most in our profession,” stated Mandy White, Senior Vice President of Economic Development at Jackson Chamber.

The Legacy Award recognizes those in the economic development community who have had an extraordinary impact on their profession and community. This award is not given annually, but is offered as a special recognition for individuals who are highly respected, active in economic development, and have been a TEDC member for at least 10 years. Recipients are nominated by the TEDC Board of Directors.

TEDC is a statewide professional organization for those involved in economic development. Recipients of the Legacy Award must be nominated by TEDC members and selected by a committee of past presidents of TEDC from the field of nominees. Jim’s accomplishments were recognized at the TEDC Annual Fall Conference, which was held in Memphis, Tennessee.

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