Eunice Sullivan Economic Development Professional of the Year

The Eunice Sullivan Economic Development Professional of the Year award is given annually in recognition of the achievements of an outstanding economic developer within the state of Florida. The award was first given in 1985 and was renamed in 1991 to honor Eunice Sullivan for her dedication and commitment to the economic development profession and the Florida Economic Development Council.

2022  Kelly Smallridge, BDB of Palm Beach County
2021  Marc Hoenstine, CEcD, Duke Energy
2019  Crystal Stiles, Florida Power & Light
2018  Cathy Chambers, JAXUSA Partnership
2017  Crystal Sircy, Orlando Economic Partnership
2016  Bob Swindell, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance
2015  Allen Cherry, Madison County Economic Development
2014  Bill Stanton, Jackson County Development Authority
2013  Randy Berridge, Florida High Tech Corridor Council
2012  Pete Tesch, Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County
2011  Lynda Weatherman, Economic Development Commission of Florida’s Space Coast
2010  Bill McDermott, Seminole County Economic Development
2009  Ray Gilley, Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission
2008  Mary Jane “MJ” Stanley, CEcD, Pasco Economic Development Council
2007  Roger Miller, Enterprise Florida
2006  Bridget Merrill, Enterprise Florida
2005  Holly Wiedman, The Beacon Council
2004  Richard “Buzz” David, CEcD, Pinellas County Economic Development
2003  Mike Frey, CEcD, Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100
2002  Ginger Barber, Baker County Development Commission
2001  Ed Schons, University of Central Florida
2000  Steve Mayberry, Enterprise Florida
1999  C.W. “Wes” Larson, II, Putnam County Chamber of Commerce & Development Authority
1998  Beatriz Bare, Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce
1997  Jerry Mallot, Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce
1996  Michael Bobroff, Economic Development Commission of Mid-Florida
1995  James DeGennaro, Central Florida Development Council
1994  Frank Tamberrino, CEcD, Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100
1993  Ron Thibodeux, Economic Development Commission of Mid-Florida
1992  Brett Wattles, CEcD, Ocala/Marion County Economic Development Council
1991  Richard Tesch, Economic Development Commission of Mid-Florida
1990  Eunice Sullivan, Florida Department of Commerce
1989  James Brantley, Economic Development Council of Polk County
1988  David Richmond, CEcD, Volusia County Business Development Corporation
1987  William H. Fruth, Palm Beach County Development Board
      John McCauley, Jr., Brevard Economic Development Council
1986  James Garver, CEcD, Broward Economic Development Board
1985  John Haley, Jr., CEcD, Dade County Industrial Development Authority