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OEDA seeks host communities for its Annual Summit

For the first time, location proposals sought for 400+ attendee conference

COLUMBUS, OHIO – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – Today, the Ohio Economic Development Association (OEDA) announced that is accepting location proposals for its Annual Summit for the next two years. Interested communities and regions should complete the host committee interest form by December 9, 2025. The form can be found at surveymonkey.com/r/OEDASummit25 or using the QR Code below.

The Ohio Economic Development Association (OEDA), and its predecessor organization the Ohio Development Association (ODA), have been continuously holding an annual conference for Ohio’s economic development professionals and stakeholders since 1980.



The 2024 Annual Summit in Toledo had a record 430 registrants and record sponsorship

Traditionally, the conference was held in central Ohio, but for the first time this year, the organization held the Summit in Toledo at the Glass City Center. The event was highly successful – with the largest attendance (430+ registrants), highest sponsorships, and high attendee satisfaction (4.1 on a 5.0 scale). Following the event, 93% of participants were in support of rotating the Summit around the state.

In response to attendee feedback, OEDA developed a selection process modeled off the International Economic Development Council, which is currently seeking indications of interest for its 2026 national conference. Next year’s IEDC conference will be held in Detroit.



This QR Code goes to the Summit Host Committee Interest Form

OEDA hopes to select and announce the winning proposals before the end of the calendar year.

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About the Ohio Economic Development Association

Established in 2005, the Ohio Economic Development Association (OEDA) is one of the leading state economic development associations in the country, with more than 650 members from Ohio's local, regional, and state economic development organizations and partners. Its mission is to advance the practice of economic development to foster growth, prosperity, and opportunities for all residents of the State of Ohio. It fulfills this mission by helping to expand the knowledge, network, and influence of its members through premier programs like the Ohio Economic Development Institute and events like the OEDA Summit. Learn more at ohioeda.com.