



What is the Economic Development Association Of Minnesota (EDAM)?

EDAM's mission is to champion economic development through education, collaboration and advocacy. EDAM provides educational opportunities to aid in the growth and development of professionals working in economic development and related fields.



Who is EDAM for?

Economic development touches so many industries. Our diverse membership comes from public, private and nonprofit industry sectors. You'll know it's for you if the work you do touches any of the below:

- Real estate
- Banking
- Developers
- Attorneys
- Builders
- Housing and Redevelopment Authorities
- Community Development Agencies
- Economic Development Authorities
- Architects
- Utility Companies
- Advocacy Groups
- Housing
- Workforce
- Public sector members including:
 - Cities
 - Counties
 - State
- Non-profits
 - Foundations
 - Regional
- Consultants
 - Planning
 - Engineers
 - Financial consultants



How EDAM Membership Will Benefit You

Our programming and events, whether in-person or digital, are dual-purpose and are intended to help you build your professional network while learning best practices in our ever-changing industry. You'll take the knowledge you gain back to your organization and think of innovative and creative ways to implement new ideas while you gain a stronger understanding of the working knowledge of policies affecting economic development.

We're not one to brag, but our current membership is pretty great and we think you'll learn a lot from them. We have a high caliber of professionals who are currently EDAM members and there is room for many more. Our networking events provide access to relationship building opportunities with dozens of economic development professionals throughout the state. Although educational and professional, we believe in creating a comfortable and casual atmosphere where professionals can get to know each other and network.

Some Other Perks

We are non-partisan and work collectively with lobbyists on legislative efforts that will amplify the voice of economic development in Minnesota and increase our impact on legislative issues that affect our entire industry.

Annually we host the Excellence in Economic Development Awards to showcase significant projects and people across the state that are contributing to the improvement of our local economy and our partnership with the Minnesota Economic Development Foundation helps to provide grants to students, allowing them to gain real world experience in the industry prior to joining the workforce.



Ready to Join?

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