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Boysel Honored with 2025 Rural Economic Development Leadership Award

Dan Boyssel, VP Community and Government Relations for Consolidated Cooperative was presented with NREDA's 2025 Rural Economic Development Leadership Award for outstanding leadership in the field of rural economic development.

This national award recognizes outstanding leadership in the field of rural economic development. Nominees consist of economic development professionals, rural electric cooperative/rural telephone staff or board members who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in an economic development project resulting in the improvement of the quality of life, creation of new jobs, and opportunity for growth and development in rural America.

Boysel was nominated by Brad Ebersole, a current Board Member of NREDA. The award was presented at the association's 2025 NREDA Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, with more than 150 in attendance.

Dennis Mingyar, NREDA Awards Chairperson, noted the following highlights related to Dan Boyssel's nomination and selection as this year's recipient:

"Dan Boyssel has been a dedicated leader in economic development at the local, regional, state, and national levels for over twenty years. He leads by example, building relationships grounded in trust, fostering collaboration, and demonstrating unwavering dedication and empathy. His positive impact extends well beyond Consolidated Cooperative's service area in central Ohio.

One of Dan's most recent accomplishments is his collaboration with the Morrow County Port

Authority, Morrow County Commissioners, and Consolidated Cooperative's executive team and Board of Trustees to expand a natural gas line serving an industrial park near a major interstate. This infrastructure improvement is critical to the county's future economic growth. Notably, this area was identified as a strategic priority in the Morrow County Economic Development Strategic Plan, a plan Dan helped advance.

Dan's leadership is evident in his service on numerous boards and committees. He is a past president of NREDA, serves on the Delaware County Regional Planning Board, and previously contributed to the Touchstone Energy Business Development Committee. He currently serves on the JobsOhio Independent Review Panel, evaluating state economic development incentives, and he is an active Radnor Township Trustee. His extensive involvement reflects his deep commitment to excellence and the high regard in which he is held by peers across the industry and within his communities.

Dan is committed to growth and this is reflected in his leadership style. We are very proud to have such a member as a part of NREDA..”

About NREDA:

NREDA is an organization of economic development professionals focused upon the issues and opportunities of rural America. It is dedicated to meeting the unique needs of its membership through ongoing education and networking programs, while serving as an information source and conduit for developers, site selectors and prospective businesses to NREDA members and the areas they serve. For more information about NREDA visit www.nreda.org.



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**Iowa Area Development Group Honored with
2025 NREDA Organization Excellence Award**

Columbus, Ohio – Iowa Area Development Group in Des Moines, Iowa was presented the 2025 NREDA Organization Excellence Award. This national award is designed to recognize a utility or economic development organization or an association or government entity that has implemented a successful rural economic development program for their area. The focus is on the success of communicating the program, improvements to the business climate and measurable results and outcomes.

Bruce Nuzum, Executive Director, accepted the award at the NREDA 2025 Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee with more than 150 in attendance.

Dennis Mingyar, NREDA Awards Chairperson, noted the following highlights related to Sherman County Community Development Corporation’s nomination and selection as this year’s recipient:

“This nomination detailed Iowa Area Development Groups’ extensive accomplishments, projects, financial programs, technical services, community services, and much more. Iowa Area Development Group has been an industry leader for economic development organizations across the country. Their first President, Jack Bailey, was one of the founders of NREDA. IADG has been committed to NREDA, their staff have had countless hours provided to NREDA and they have been a contributor and supporter of NREDA. In fact, three IADG current and past staff members are Past Presidents of NREDA – Mike Meissen, Rand Fisher and Bruce Nuzum. They are truly an excellent organization for their members, and NREDA is proud to boast this group and their many accomplishments. Congratulations to IADG on 40 years of all your accomplishments!”

Iowa Area Development Group was chosen by a national selection committee representing electric and telephone cooperatives from across the nation. NREDA is a vital network of rural economic development professionals providing expertise and national leadership on rural issues.

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Dickey honored with NREDA President's Award

Columbus, Ohio – Brittany Dickey, Vice President of Business Development with Corn Belt Power Cooperative, was presented with the National Rural Economic Developers Association (NREDA) 2025 President's Award.

The NREDA President's Award recognizes outstanding commitment to the NREDA organization and rural economic development.

Lisa Hurley, NREDA President, presented the award at the association's 2025 NREDA Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, with more than 150 in attendance.

Hurley noted the following regarding Dickey's selection as this year's recipient:

"Brittany Dickey was very deserving of this award for 2025. She stepped in without hesitation, helped keep us organized and on track, and made sure NREDA's growth and services continued to move forward."

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