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## **Rickelle Williams Selected for Economic Development Award**

Press Release

— The biennial award recognizes rising stars in the profession under 40 —

**Miami Beach, FL** – Miami Beach Assistant City Manager and Economic Development Director Rickelle Williams has been selected to receive a 40 Under 40 in Economic Development Award.

"Under Rickelle's leadership, our Economic Development Department has been innovative in creating a package of business services and incentives along with developing a recruitment and outreach strategy that continues to attract companies from other parts of the country," Miami Beach City Manager Alina T. Hudak said.

The biennial award recognizes rising stars under 40 in the economic development industry. Award winners were announced recently at a Tucson, Arizona reception in conjunction with the International Economic Development Council 2023 Leadership Summit for certified economic developers and senior managers.

Hosted by New York-based Development Counsellors International and executive search firm Jorgenson Consulting, the award honors individuals who have demonstrated leadership, commitment and innovation in the workplace. They were chosen by an independent selection committee of six economic development leaders and site selection consultants.

"The purpose-driven work of economic development plays a vital role in communities around the world, and much of it is led by young professionals," said Julie Curtin, president of DCI's economic development practice. "These 40 rising stars are contributing their creativity, dedication and leadership to make a tremendous impact in their communities and our industry as a whole."

For more information on the 40 Under 40 Award and other winners, visit <u>www.econdev40under40.com</u>.

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