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FLX Gateway Accredited by the International Economic Development Council

Watkins Glen, NY — The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) announces that FLX Gateway has been recognized as one of 99 economic development organizations accredited by IEDC as an Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO).

“FLX Gateway displays the professionalism, commitment, and technical expertise that is deserving of this honor,” said IEDC President and CEO Nathan Ohle.

The AEDO program is a comprehensive peer review process that measures economic development organizations against commonly held standards in the profession. The program consists of two phases: a documentation review and an onsite visit. Each phase is designed to evaluate information about the structure, organization, funding, programs, and staff of the candidate economic development organization.

“This accreditation is a direct reflection of the dedication of our staff, investors, and board, as well as the strong community partnerships that make our work possible. It gives our local business owners, municipality partners, and prospective investors total confidence that FLX Gateway is operating at the highest professional standard. For Schuyler County and the Finger Lakes region, it means continued momentum — stronger partnerships,

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greater investment, and sustained economic growth for the community,” said Jon Beckman, Chairman of FLX Gateway.

Earning the AEDO accreditation tells the community and prospects that FLX Gateway has attained a measure of excellence assuring that their trust is well-placed and their business is in good hands.

“It’s an honor to work with a board and community that are committed to excellence and national credibility. As one of only a handful of AEDO-designated organizations in the Northeast, this recognition is a clear, competitive differentiator for us,” Judy McKinney-Cherry, Executive Director of FLX Gateway.

Maintenance of the AEDO status is required every three years and is accomplished through documentation submission and/or onsite visits by a team of the AEDO subcommittee.

About FLX Gateway

FLX Gateway is a regional economic development organization serving Schuyler County and the Finger Lakes region. Through business development, agricultural initiatives, workforce programs, and community partnerships, FLX Gateway works to strengthen the regional economy and create opportunities for long-term growth and prosperity.

About the International Economic Development Council

The International Economic Development Council is the largest membership association serving economic and community development professionals in the world. With over 5,000 members nationwide and abroad, IEDC offers the economic development profession one source for information and professional development, one voice for the profession and one force for advocacy. For more information on IEDC or the AEDO program, call Dana Crater at (910) 821.0245; fax (202) 223.4745; write to IEDC at 1275 K Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20005; email aedo@iedc.org; or visit IEDC’s website at www.iedconline.org.

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