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MEDC Vice President named top economic developer

Abby Liu instrumental in attracting Fortune Global 500 companies to McKinney

McKINNEY, Texas (Feb. 2, 2017) – The City of McKinney is proud to announce McKinney Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Executive Vice President Abby Liu has been selected for Consultant Connect's 2017 list of North America's Top 50 Economic Developers. The economic development professionals were chosen for excellent practices, innovation and success in building the communities they serve. Liu was nominated for exemplifying an innovative spirit, a commitment to collaboration and an overall passion for the industry.

Liu joined MEDC in 2010 and spearheads business recruitment domestically and abroad, promoting McKinney as the premier city for business relocation and growth.

She has been instrumental in leading significant initiatives in McKinney including attracting Fortune 500 companies Wistron GreenTech Texas Corporation and Raytheon SAS (Space and Airborne System), and the North American headquarters of Hisun Motors Corporation. Liu led the recruitment and negotiated the deal to establish the Service First Mortgage corporate headquarters in McKinney in 2016 and the expansion of Simpson Strong-Tie.

"Abby has been instrumental in establishing and maintaining strong connections with international companies to promote our city as a great place to start and grow a business," said Mayor Brian Loughmiller. "Her success is evident in the number of international businesses she has played a part in recruiting to McKinney."

"This is a well-deserved honor for Abby. I have been thoroughly impressed with her professionalism since even before I began my tenure here at MEDC. I invite everyone to join me in expressing an enthusiastic congratulations for her efforts which are being recognized by the site selector community," said Darrell Auterson, MEDC President.

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About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest growing cities in America, McKinney has a current population of more than 168,000. The city was #1 on the list of Best Places to Live in America in 2014, published by *Money Magazine*. Established in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers award-winning schools, a vibrant historic downtown, diverse housing options, a robust economy and a uniquely beautiful natural setting, with rolling hills and lush trees. Visit the city's website at www.mckinneytexas.org.

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