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## **Nevada Wins Prestigious Silver Shovel Award for Economic Development Efforts to Bring Jobs and Businesses to the State**

**Las Vegas** – Following another record year of economic development with small business growth and attracting major projects, Nevada was honored with the Silver Shovel Award by Area Development, a nationally recognized business publication.

“Nevada is known across the country and around the world as a state that provides businesses with the tools they need to succeed and grow,” said Gov. Steve Sisolak. “Nevada being awarded The Silver Shovel Award demonstrates how hard the men and women at the State of Nevada have been working to bring good-paying jobs to our communities while making sure that our workforce has the skills that employers demand.”

Area Development magazine's Annual Shovel Awards recognize state economic development agencies that drive significant job creation through innovative policies, infrastructure improvements, processes, and promotions that attract new employers and investments in new and expanded facilities. The awards are presented annually to states that have achieved significant success in terms of job creation and economic impact.

The Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) have a variety of programs to ensure that Nevada businesses have the tools needed to expand while providing our communities with well-paying positions throughout the state.

Nevada has been previously honored by the magazine, having received a Gold Shovel award in 2015, 2016 and 2018, and a Silver Shovel award in 2017. Nevada was honored in the 3 to 5 million category alongside Kentucky and Utah, while Alabama was awarded the Gold Shovel in the same Category. The other Gold Shovel Awards went to Texas, Georgia, Virginia, Arizona and Mississippi.

“Our state has been building relationships with small and large business owners knowing that it takes more than just one project to power a state's economy,” said GOED Interim Executive Director Kris Sanchez. “The Silver State is no longer only known for tourism, we are a leader in autonomous systems, mining, health care, advanced manufacturing and other industries.”

Nevada has also been fostering economic relationships with countries around the globe to improve our international economic footprint in the world. Nevada invests in forward-looking programs such as Nevada Global as a way to identify high-growth companies looking for opportunities in the United States. These relationships also provide Nevada businesses with valuable information about foreign markets to expand overseas.

For more information about the Nevada GOED, visit [diversifynevada.com](http://diversifynevada.com). To learn more about the Gold and Silver Shovel Awards, please visit [areadevelopment.com](http://areadevelopment.com).

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### **About the Governor's Office of Economic Development**

Created during the 2011 session of the Nevada Legislature, the [Governor's Office of Economic Development](#) is the result of a collaborative effort between the Nevada Legislature and the Governor's Office to restructure economic development in the state. GOED's role is to promote a robust, diversified and prosperous economy in Nevada, to stimulate business expansion and retention, encourage entrepreneurial enterprise, attract new businesses and facilitate community development. More information on the Governor's Office of Economic Development can be viewed at [diversifynevada.com](http://diversifynevada.com).