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## **Expansion Solutions Magazine Presents its 2011 “Top Five” Awards of Excellence**

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## 11/15/11 -- Expansion Solutions Magazine Presents its 2011 "Top Five" Awards

**PELHAM, AL** – *Expansion Solutions* Magazine recently announced its Fifth Annual "Top Five" Awards. These awards recognize economic development organizations which have shown exceptional performance in their area of development – by successfully recruiting, retaining and assisting growing businesses. They are awarded because of the incredible support system offered to businesses as well as recent activity and job growth created in each area. Their strategic locations, pro-business climates, investments made in infrastructure, and the availability of buildings and sites were among the top deciding factors in choosing these locations.

"We are excited about giving national recognition to these organizations as it further demonstrates their commitment to business retention, expansion and relocation," said Kimberly Merkel, Editor of *Expansion Solutions*. "By doing it showcase each area for their success in recruiting and retaining businesses, it also identifies the award winner's city, county, state and economic development department."

The winners are listed in alphabetical order and are reflective of the top five selections. For more information on these organizations and the areas they serve, please visit our website at: [www.ExpansionSolutionsMag.com](http://www.ExpansionSolutionsMag.com)

## 2011 "Top Five" Awards of Excellence

### Automotive

Economic Futures Group  
Spartansburg, SC

El Paso Regional Economic  
Development Corporation (REDCO)  
El Paso, TX

Greater Kokomo Economic  
Development Alliance

### Data Centers

Catawba County Economic  
Development Corporation  
Hickory, NC

City of Draper Economic D  
Draper, UT

City of Highland  
Highland, IL



# 2011 "Top Five" Awards of Excellence

## Defense

Greater Jackson Alliance  
 Jackson, MS

Hagerstown - Washington County  
 Economic Development Commission  
 Hagerstown, MD

Fayetteville - Cumberland County  
 Chamber of Commerce  
 Fayetteville, NC

Metro Little Rock Alliance  
 Little Rock, AR

Quad Cities First  
 Davenport, IA

## Logistics

City of Barstow  
 Barstow, CA

Go Topeka Economic Development  
 Partnership  
 Topeka, KS

Midland Development Corporation  
 Midland, TX

Salt Lake City Office of Economic  
 Development  
 Salt Lake City, UT

Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial  
 Authority  
 Valdosta, GA

## Solar

Austin C  
 Austin, TX

Columb  
 Develop  
 Columb

Desoto C  
 Develop  
 Arcadia,

Greater  
 (GPEC)  
 Phoenix

Southern  
 Irwindal

## Warehouse/Distribution

High Point Economic Development  
 Corporation  
 High Point, NC

Lubbock Economic Development  
 Alliance  
 Lubbock, TX

Mercedes Economic Development  
 Corporation  
 Mercedes, TX

Midlothian Corporation for Economic  
 Development  
 Midlothian, TX

## Wind

Amarillo Economic Development  
 Corporation  
 Amarillo, TX

Beaver County Economic  
 Development Corporation  
 Beaver, UT

Iowa City Area Development G  
 Iowa City, Iowa

Lee's Summit Economic Develo  
 Council  
 Lee's Summit, MO

