

## Michael Sage gets NM IDEA Award

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The 2021 Developer of the Year Award has been given to Michael Sage, Deputy Director of the Greater Gallup Economic Development Corporation at the NM IDEA Annual Membership Meeting, Feb. 17.

Sage was recognized for his advocacy for struggling McKinley County businesses during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. He helped save more than 125 manufacturing jobs. He also assisted the City of Gallup in efforts to obtain grant resources and led an initiative to create a new industrial cluster in Gallup related to the development of driverless vehicles.

The Developer of the Year Award acknowledges the outstanding efforts of a person who spearheaded a major project that relocated, consolidated or expanded in New Mexico during the preceding 12 months. It is also given to a person who prepared the community for economic growth in a unique way.

NM IDEA awards are given to individuals and organizations to encourage, recognize, and promote outstanding achievements and professionalism in the field of economic development.