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Frederick County OED Wins “Top 5” Award of Excellence

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Frederick, MD – *Expansion Solutions Magazine*, a national business site-selection publication, has announced its Third Annual “Top Five” Awards of Excellence. The Frederick County Office of Economic Development (OED) has been honored for what the magazine calls ‘exceptional progress and potential in the field – by successfully recruiting, retaining and assisting growing businesses’.

Awards were given out in six industries: automotive, biotechnology, high technology, logistics, ports and warehouse distribution. Frederick County won in the field of biotechnology. To read about the awards in the latest edition of *Expansion Solutions Magazine*, visit their website: www.ExpansionSolutionsMagazine.com.

“We are excited about giving national recognition to these organizations as it further demonstrates their leadership role in major commercial activities,” said Kimberly Merkel, Editor of *Expansion Solutions Magazine*. “Not only does it showcase each area for their success in recruiting and retaining businesses, it also is a source of pride for each city, county, state and their economic development department.”

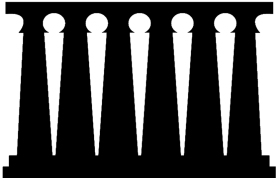
“We are honored to be recognized,” said Laurie Boyer, CEcD, Executive Director of OED. “Biotechnology has been a target industry for Frederick County since 2001, and the industry has grown from fewer than 20 companies to over 60 in that time.”

For more information about Frederick County and OED please visit our website: www.discoverfrederickmd.com.

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The Frederick County Economic Development Division, comprised of the Office of Economic Development and Frederick County Workforce Services, assists both existing and prospective businesses by providing a variety of recruitment, retraining and retention services to meet the needs of our corporate customers. The Economic Development Division is located in the Business and Employment Center at 5340 Spectrum Drive, Suite A, in Frederick, MD. EOE

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