

# Kossuth/Palo Alto County Economic Development AWARDS



Within the economic development and government sector, Kossuth and Palo Alto have a strong reputation and have received numerous awards. These include:

Received 2022 Iowa Rural Development Council **Award of Excellence to Maureen Elbert with the Rand Fisher Rural Leadership Award**

Received 2020 Professional Developers of Iowa (PDI) **Overall Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Program Award**

Received the 2020 International Economic Development Council (IEDC) **Excellence in Economic Development Award for the Intern Program – Talent Development & Retention** (Population under 25,000)

Received the 2020 **Future Ready Iowa Acknowledgement** from Governor Kim Reynolds for the **Intern Program**. Future Ready Iowa connects Iowans to the education and training required for careers.

Received the 2019 **Best of Iowa Excellence Award**. BEST of Iowa is a unique collaboration of local economic development groups working with Iowa's utilities and the Iowa Economic Development Authority. The mission is to meet with Iowa companies to identify local economic trends, business needs and opportunities. BEST of Iowa honors organizations that went above and beyond throughout the process. Kossuth/Palo Alto Economic Development Corporation was honored with the 2019 BEST of Iowa Excellence Award.

Maureen Elbert received the 2019 Jeffrey A. Finkle **Organizational Leadership Award** through International Economic Development Council (IEDC). This award recognizes an individual who has continuously led the same non-profit economic development organization with integrity, tenacity, and a philanthropic spirit for at least 15 years and plays a pivotal role in the continued success of their organization.

Received 2019 **Business Retention and Expansion Initiatives Award** through International Economic Development Council (IEDC) for a county with a population less than 25,000.

Received 2019 Professional Developers of Iowa (PDI) **Overall Business Retention and Expansion Program Award for Outstanding Workforce Initiatives**. The program includes an annual business survey, business call visits, economic impact snapshot, intern program, human resources networking committee, and Palo Alto County Leadership that are all critical programs and committees that address workforce issues to keep the region viable and assist with growing the workforce and future leadership pool.

Received 2017 National Rural Economic Development Assoc. **Organization Excellence Award** for implementing a successful rural economic development program for Kossuth and Palo Alto Counties.

Received 2017 MidAmerican Economic Development Council Award for the **Intern Program under Workforce Initiatives**. The Mid-America EDC Annual Economic Development Awards program recognizes outstanding efforts in development of marketing materials, marketing events and economic development efforts in a 12 state region.