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(Bristol, CT - October 24, 2017) The Mayor's Office is proud to announce that the Centre Square Master Plan and Redevelopment Project is one of 21 economic development projects, programs, or leaders from across the state to be honored by the Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC) at its annual CELEBRATE CT! event in November at The Bushnell in Hartford.

According to CERC, the 21 honorees were selected by economic development officials in each of 10 regions across Connecticut for their contribution to the state's economy – such as consistent or growing employment levels, playing a critical role in changing the character of its community or civic engagement, strong public/private collaboration to encourage new investment, or leadership resulting in growth or improvements. The honorees include initiatives, businesses, organizations and individuals that are widely known in their communities, and some that are less well-known.

"Our goals when working on economic development projects – including the planning and development of Centre Square – are to encourage business growth, provide new employment opportunities, and more," said Mayor Ken Cockayne. "We are honored that CERC recognizes the vision of our policymakers and good work of our staff to redevelop Centre Square and downtown. This is only the beginning of what Centre Square will become – a vibrant downtown center that Bristol can be proud of."

Cockayne continued: "I want to thank our partners on the Centre Square Master Plan and Redevelopment Project, including Centre Square's first developer Bristol Hospital and Rendina Healthcare Real Estate; planning consultant Milone & MacBroom; City staff; the Bristol Development Authority, City Council, and Board of Finance; and most importantly the residents and property owners in Bristol that have supported and provided input into the Centre Square Master Plan."

This is the eighth year the event is being hosted by CERC, a non-profit corporation and public-private partnership that provides economic development services, working closely with an extensive network of state, regional, local, and utility partners to leverage Connecticut's unique advantages as a premier business location.

"These awards acknowledge key people, programs and projects that are stimulating new jobs and investment in our economy," said CERC President and CEO Robert Santy. "They are well earned and well-deserved, and CERC is proud to recognize the 2017 honorees and their noteworthy accomplishments that are having a positive impact on Connecticut's business environment."

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