

# News Release



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## Jay M. Kramer Graduates from OU EDI

Jay M. Kramer, Existing Industry Specialist for Charleston County Economic Development, graduated from the University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute on October 24, 2019, at the OU EDI Fall session held in Denver, Colorado.

OU EDI is an intensive 117-hour certificate program that provides a broad spectrum of advanced education for the economic development professional.

OU EDI Dean Mary Ann Moon said, "OU EDI is the premier organization dedicated to training economic development professionals. These graduates represent some of the finest economic development practitioners in the U.S. working to support their local communities. My congratulations to them."

Charleston County Economic Development Director Steve Dykes commended Kramer in his efforts, stating, "continuing education ensures a high standard of professional service and quality here in Charleston County. We want our community to know that we are always seeking to enhance our knowledge base and competency in order to encourage Charleston County's growth and vibrancy."

OU EDI classes focus on three major core areas including: Business Retention and Expansion, Real Estate, and Credit Analysis, as well as areas of concentration in Marketing, Strategic Planning, Entrepreneurship, and Managing Economic Development Organizations. Students typically take 1-2 years to complete the program through a series of intensive in-person or online courses.

Beginning in 1962, OU EDI is celebrating its 57th year of service to the economic development community. Fully accredited by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), the program has trained more than 5,500 professionals and remains the world's leading economic development teacher.

Kramer has been with Charleston County Economic Development since 2016. He has a BS degree in Management, and a BA degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Appalachian State University, a Masters in Project Management, and an MBA from The Citadel Graduate College.



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