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**Rebecca Danielle Sweat** graduated from the University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute (OU EDI) on May 2, 2024, at the OU Spring session.

OU EDI is an intensive 117-hour certificate program which provides a broad spectrum of advanced education for the economic development professional. Barry Matherly, CEcD and Dean for OU EDI, said, “OU Economic Development Institute is the premier organization dedicated to training economic development professionals. These graduates have invested in improving their professional capabilities to support their local communities. Congratulations to all.”

OU EDI began in 1962 and is celebrating its 62nd year of service to the economic development community. Fully accredited by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), the program has trained 6,000 professionals and remains the world’s leading economic development teacher.

OU EDI provides economic developers with up-to-date knowledge and tools necessary to succeed in today’s constantly changing environment. In addition to classwork, students receive the benefit of a strong mentoring program and opportunities to expand their professional network. Students typically take 1-2 years to complete the program through a series of intensive in-person or online courses.

For more information about the *OU Economic Development Institute*, its courses and internationally recognized certificate program, please contact **405-325-3136** or [edi@ou.edu](mailto:edi@ou.edu).