

## CITY OF GLENDORA

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## LAEDC Recognizes Glendora as 2013 Most Business-Friendly City Finalist

On August 14, 2013 the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) announced the finalists for its 2013 Most Business-Friendly City in Los Angeles County Award. The City of Glendora is delighted to once again be included in the list of finalists. This is the second consecutive year that Glendora has qualified as a "Most Business-Friendly City" finalist. This year, Glendora has qualified in the category of "large city, population over 50,000."

The "Most Business-Friendly City" award is encompassed with the Eddy Awards. The Eddy Awards program is one of the most prestigious award programs in recognizing leadership in economic development in business and government throughout Los Angeles County. The "Most Business-Friendly City" award was established to recognize cities within the county that are proactively promoting business friendly programs and services.

The two year recognition as a finalist for the "Most Business-Friendly City" is a testament to the City's business-friendly environment and consistent proactive efforts to support the business community, and attract quality jobs and businesses. Glendora has a comprehensive Economic Development Plan that facilitates business entry, retention, and effective communication. Some of the action taken in the past year includes implementation of an online permit center; creation of a new section on the City website dedicated to business support and attraction; amending policies at the request of the business community, including the Film policy; and providing free business workshops. The City has a pro-business attitude that is shared by the entire staff and high priority is placed on ensuring the community is a great place to live, work and play.

The LAEDC will announce the winner of the "Most Business Friendly City in Los Angeles County" at this year's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Eddy Awards on Thursday, November 14, 2013, at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills. This year Glendora will be competing against the cities of Lancaster, Paramount, Pico Rivera and Santa Monica.

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