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### EDITOR'S NOTE

The NMA office will be closing at noon today and will reopen Monday morning. On behalf of everyone here at Nan McKay and Associates, Happy New Year!

### GENERAL NEWS

#### Winner of HUD Secretary's 2020 Opportunity and Empowerment Award Announced

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) has recently announced the winner of the 2020 [Secretary's Opportunity and Empowerment Award](#). Ebeid Neighborhood Promise Initiative in Toledo, Ohio, in partnership with ProMedica, has won the award for its demonstrated success in effective planning and improved results through innovative practices that promote social equity.

Presented by HUD and the American Planning Association ([APA](#)), the Opportunity and Empowerment Award honors excellence in community planning that has led to measurable benefits in terms of increased economic development, employment, education, or housing choice and mobility for low and moderate-income residents. The award stresses tangible results and recognizes the planning discipline as an important community resource. It emphasizes how creative housing, economic development, and private investments are used in, or in tandem with, a comprehensive community development plan.



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