

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**August 8, 2025****Contact: Evan Haddad****Public Information Officer****ehaddad@goed.nv.gov 775.684.9973****GOED's Dorian Stonebarger Among Nevada Business Magazine's Women to Watch in 2025**

CARSON CITY, Nev. — The Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) is proud to announce that Deputy Director Dr. Dorian Stonebarger has been named one of the [2025 Women to Watch by Nevada Business Magazine](#).

The list, published annually by the magazine, recognizes successful and goal-oriented women in Nevada.

"I'm honored to have been selected this year out of the many inspiring women in our state," said Stonebarger. "Nevada has provided a lot of opportunities for me to grow, and I strive to provide those same opportunities for others."

In her role as deputy director, Stonebarger, who joined GOED in 2023, collaborates with community leaders and other government agencies to further diversify and strengthen Nevada's economy. She oversees GOED's strategic projects and public policy efforts and is currently involved with mapping out the state's next strategic plan. Based at GOED's Las Vegas office, Stonebarger also works closely with the divisions located there, such as Film Nevada, Nevada APEX, Workforce Development and Healthcare.

Stonebarger was originally recruited by former GOED Executive Director Kris Sanchez to oversee the state's funding portion of the \$200 million public-private partnership towards homeless services created by AB528 in the 2023 legislative session. That role quickly grew as Stonebarger helped GOED update and implement Nevada's State Plan, finding ways to track key benchmarks and activities that align with the agency's goals.

"I'm happy to see Dorian receive this recognition out of the remarkably accomplished and respected women of Nevada. It is appropriate that she is acknowledged with those talented leaders," said GOED Executive Director Tom Burns. "Dorian's drive, professionalism and leadership are great assets to our agency and serve our state in many ways."

Prior to GOED, Stonebarger served as the chief policy advisor to Las Vegas Mayor Pro Tem Brian Knudsen. During her tenure with the City of Las Vegas, Stonebarger spearheaded the city's first affordable housing ordinance and guided legislative efforts to create Transit Oriented Development. She is also passionate about health and nutrition and has worked extensively in the industry, serving as program director for Three Square Food Bank and assisted in the passage of legislation to ensure that Nevada's most at-risk students have access to breakfast every morning.

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About the Governor's Office of Economic Development

Created during the 2011 session of the Nevada Legislature, the [Governor's Office of Economic Development](#) is the result of a collaborative effort between the Nevada Legislature and the Governor's Office to restructure economic development in the state. GOED's role is to promote a robust, diversified and prosperous economy in Nevada, to stimulate business expansion and retention, encourage entrepreneurial enterprise, attract new businesses and facilitate community development.