

Janet N. Yowell

Janet Yowell is the executive director of the Edmond Economic Development Authority.

The Edmond Economic Development Authority (EEDA) exists to offer resources that stimulate the growth of Edmond's economy by creating and maintaining an optimum environment for both new and existing businesses, offering services that facilitate the growth and expansion of those businesses and generating opportunities to increase the sales tax base of the city of Edmond.

Janet has been with the EEDA for more than 25 years, serving as the executive director for more than 15 years.

Janet is the chief executive and administrative officer of the EEDA, and is responsible for planning, developing, and implementing the programs and directives of the EEDA Board of Trustees based upon its current fiscal year Goals and Objectives.

A graduate of the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute (OU/EDI) and Leadership Edmond Class VIII, Janet has served as chairman, vice-chairman and secretary of the Governor's Economic Development Team (GEDT), now called Select Oklahoma. Janet is also a past chairman of the Greater Oklahoma City Partnership, a 10 county regional economic development marketing organization.

Janet was named the 2019 Citizen of the Year by the Edmond Area Chamber of Commerce and one of the 2006 50 Women Making a Difference by The Journal Record. Janet is a Paul Harris Fellow with the Edmond Central Rotary and was named the organization's 2020 George Mikesell Recipient.

Janet serves in an advising capacity on the Central Edmond Urban Development Board and the Edmond Area Chamber of Commerce. She is a member of the Francis Tuttle Incubator Advisory Committee, Edmond Board of Realtors, Urban Land Institute, and the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Janet is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and resides in Edmond with her husband Mark. They have two daughters, Emily and Melissa.