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Leiken Awarded Oregon Mayors Association's Top Honor

Springfield Mayor Sid Leiken was awarded the fifteenth annual *Mayor's Leadership Award* on August 4th, during the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) Summer Conference, held in the city of Salem.

"It is a humbling and heartfelt honor to be recognized by your peers for doing what you think is right for your community," said Mayor Leiken, who dedicated the award to his wife Debbie.

Leiken's tenure as Mayor of Springfield began in 2000 and has been defined by his dedication to help develop a vibrant and diverse economy not only for his city, but also for families in the community and for Oregon as a whole. The total invested in Springfield, since Mayor Leiken took office, is nearly \$850 million.

Background:

In 1993, the Oregon Mayors Association's Board of Directors established the annual Mayor's Leadership Award to recognize the valuable contributions that mayors throughout Oregon make each year in their communities. The dedication, time and energy in the pursuit of making their communities the best they can be are the foundation for this award.

The criteria used by the judges included:

1. A candidate must have demonstrated under his/her tenure exceptional leadership qualities which have contributed to lasting benefits in their city and the community as a whole.

2. Special consideration is given to those who have shown considerable involvement in community affairs and intergovernmental relations.
3. Those that have shown exceptional skill in helping to facilitate productive relationships between the governing body and city employees.
4. Those who have helped other Oregon mayors reach their full potential as community leaders.

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