



tomorrow's pioneers in economic development

NEXT EMERGING LEADERS | TUSCON, AZ

Shaping the future of economic development

Economic development is dynamic, innovative, and vital to the well-being of our communities. NEXT Emerging Leaders in Tucson is designed to prepare tomorrow's leaders with the skills, mentorship, and networks needed to thrive in this ever-changing profession.

Hear from nationally recognized leaders on strategies to succeed in today's evolving economic development landscape. Sessions will focus on:

- **Core + Leadership Skills:** Build both the fundamentals of economic development and the leadership strengths to advance your career.
- **Mentorship That Matters:** New in 2026: Learn directly from seasoned economic developers and executive coaches from Engage, Consultant Connect's leadership cohort for C-level economic developers, who know the realities of the field.
- **Network Building:** Connect with peers from across the country and form relationships that will last well beyond the event.
- **Career Growth:** Gain practical tools, new perspectives, and a stronger network to support your journey as an economic development leader.

"This isn't just another event—it's an investment in your community's future and in the future of economic development itself."

THE DETAILS:



The Westin La Paloma Resort

3800 E Sunrise Drive
Tucson, AZ 85718



March 10 + 11, 2026

**This event was planned in conjunction with Engage (March 11 + 12). Our Engage faculty have helped curate sessions and will participate in small group discussions with Next-ers during the event.



Who Should Attend?

Emerging and rising economic development professionals seeking to strengthen their skills and leadership abilities.



Investment

Price is \$3,500 per seat which includes your two-night hotel stay at the host hotel, Gallup Strengths Assessment, and two executive coaching sessions.