



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.