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Press Release

UM Dearborn's iLabs' eCities research recognizes Ypsilanti for developing a positive entrepreneurial climate

Ypsilanti, MI, November 8, 2017: The City of Ypsilanti has been recognized for its successes and efforts in contributing to Michigan's entrepreneurial growth and economic development in the annual eCities study conducted by researchers at iLabs, University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Innovation Research. Ypsilanti was honored as a five star community along with 183 other communities across the state.

The eCities study analyzed publicly available data from 277 communities from 54 counties in Michigan. Researchers focused on the five-year changes in property values, community assets and tax rates, which can demonstrate the growth, investments and cost of doing business within the community. For example, over the five-year period, these communities increased their capital assets by an average of 2 percent per year by purchase public safety equipment and improving sidewalks and other infrastructure.

"While accounting for only about 15 percent of the cities and townships in Michigan, the 277 communities analyzed are home to nearly 70 percent of the population and 85 percent of the state's commercial property," said Tim Davis, Director of iLabs. "By analyzing these high-performing communities, our goal is to showcase what cities and townships are doing to spur growth and how we can continue to support their efforts in developing business and encouraging entrepreneurs."

Ypsilanti will be recognized Tuesday, November 14 during the [eCities Panel Discussion](#), which will discuss how talent, business policy and access to capital have impacted community growth in Michigan. The panel, moderated by *DBusiness Magazine* and *DBusiness Daily News* editor R. J. King, will feature Beth Ardisana, CEO, ASG Renaissance; Antonio Luck, managing director, Endeavor Detroit; Anthony Tomczak, chief procurement officers, DTE Eneergy; and Amelia Zamir, co-founder and principal of acquisitions, Method Development. The event is free, but [registration through the UM-Dearborn College of Business website \(umdearborn.edu/cob\)](#) is required.

The annual eCities research project, which began in 2007, previously used data supplied by the participants. This year's shift to reviewing publicly available data was implemented to simplify the process for communities.

ECITIES 2017 5-STAR COMMUNITIES



- Charter Township of Allendale
- City of Alma
- City of Ann Arbor
- Antwerp Township
- Armada Township
- Atlas Township
- Bath Charter Township
- City of Benton Harbor
- Blendon Township
- Charter Township of Bloomfield
- Brady Township
- Brandon Township
- Brighton Township
- City of Brighton
- Byron Township
- Cannon Township
- Charter Township of Cascade
- City of Charlevoix
- City of Coldwater
- Davison Township
- City of Davison
- Charter Township of Delta
- Charter Township of DeWitt
- City of East Grand Rapids
- City of East Lansing
- City of Eastpointe
- Charter Township of Emmett
- Charter Township of Fenton
- City of Frankenmuth
- Charter Township of Fruitport
- Genoa Township
- Charter Township of Georgetown
- City of Gladstone
- Charter Township of Grand Blanc
- City of Grand Blanc
- City of Grand Haven
- Charter Township of Grand Haven
- City of Grand Ledge
- Charter Township of Grand Rapids
- City of Grandville
- Green Oak Township
- City of Grosse Pointe Farms
- City of Grosse Pointe Park
- Hamburg Township
- Charter Township of Harrison
- City of Hastings
- City of Huntington Woods
- Charter Township of Huron
- City of Ionia
- City of Iron Mountain
- City of Ironwood
- City of Ishpeming
- Kochville Township
- City of Laingsburg
- City of Lansing
- Leighton Township
- Charter Township of Lyon
- City of Marquette
- Charter Township of Marquette
- City of Marshall
- City of Melvindale
- Charter Township of Mount Morris
- City of New Baltimore
- Niles Township
- Oceola Township
- Charter Township of Orion
- Charter Township of Oshtemo
- City of Owosso
- Paradise Township
- Park Township
- Pere Marquette Township
- City of Reading
- City of Richmond
- City of Rochester Hills
- City of Roseville
- Salem Township
- City of Sault Ste. Marie
- Charter Township of Shelby
- City of Sturgis
- Sylvan Township
- City of Traverse City
- City of Troy
- Tyrone Township
- Charter Township of Union
- Vassar Township
- City of Walker
- Washington Township
- Charter Township of Waterford
- City of Westland
- City of Ypsilanti
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