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**Illinois Chamber Presents the Bridge Builder Award to
House Recipient,
Representative Eva-Dina Delgado**

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce congratulates Representative Eva-Dina Delgado for receiving our *Bridge Builder Award*. The Bridge Builder is our newest award which recognizes bipartisanship and collaboration in the General Assembly. Today's release is the first of four to be issued this week.

Rep. Delgado has served in the General Assembly since 2019 where she is the Chair of the Immigration & Human Rights Committee and serves as Vice-Chair of the Public Utilities Committee. Before serving in the state legislature, she held the position of the first Latina Vice President of Government and Community Relations at the City of Chicago and the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), where she advocated for local, state, and federal community needs. Rep. Delgado received her Juris Doctor from DePaul University College of Law and serves on numerous community boards.

"The Chamber's new Bridge Builder Award seeks to highlight legislators that are pro-Growth, pro-Business, and pro-Illinois regardless of political party. The leaders we have selected to highlight share our Chamber values of integrity, collaboration, leadership, transparency, and accountability," said Lou Sandoval, President & CEO- Illinois Chamber of Commerce. "Rep. Delgado is an embodiment of the collaboration needed to pragmatically move policy forward for all Illinois businesses. We are happy to present her with this award for the work she has done this past session and her commitment to carry forward in the next general assembly."

"I want to offer a hearty congratulations to Rep. Delgado— a proven change maker and someone who never shies away from hard work," said House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch. "Rep. Delgado has built a sterling reputation as a no-nonsense leader who will work with anyone, regardless of political affiliation, who is serious about solutions and progress for Illinoisans. Her commitment to collaboration has delivered major policy wins celebrated in all corners of the state, and her ability to understand complex issues and their impact on communities has made her an integral part of our JCAR (Joint Committee on Administrative Rules) oversight committee. Rep. Delgado is the epitome of a bridge builder; she's someone who understands the importance of businesses and their workers, she cares deeply about helping all communities thrive, and she'll work arm in arm with anyone who shares the same passion in making Illinois a better place to call home."

"I am honored to receive the Illinois Chamber Bridge Builder Award. This recognition underscores the power of bipartisanship and collaboration," said Representative Eva-Dina Delgado. "I am dedicated to continuing my work to build up our communities, ensuring that every resident of Illinois has the opportunity to thrive and succeed. Together, we will build a stronger Illinois, ensuring that our policies uplift every community and create a brighter future for all our residents."

About the Bridge Builder Award

With the Bridge Builder award, the Illinois Chamber recognizes two legislators from each chamber, one from each caucus, who display a willingness and effectiveness in reaching across the aisle to work together to make Illinois a more attractive place to conduct business.

About the Illinois Chamber of Commerce

Founded in 1919, as one of the oldest state business organizations, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce represents over 3,000 businesses statewide covering a diverse range of industries. As the leading business organization in Illinois, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to advocating for a business environment that promotes economic growth, free enterprise, and economic prosperity for businesses of all sizes and across all industries.

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