

LGBT Chamber of Commerce: Kat Klawes selected for Economic Recovery Fellowship

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MILWAUKEE — Kat Klawes, Program Manager for the Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce, has been selected by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) to study economic recovery and resilience strategies with 41 other chamber of commerce professionals from communities throughout the United States.

The Fellowship for Economic Recovery is an immersive executive development program that provides chamber of commerce professionals with education and tools to improve the post-COVID-19 pandemic outcomes in the communities they serve.

“I’m honored to be selected to participate in ACCE’s Economic Recovery Fellowship,” said Kat Klawes, Program Manager with the Wisconsin LGBT Chamber. “I am excited to learn how to better serve and assist Wisconsin businesses with economic recovery.”

Throughout the year-long Fellowship for Economic Recovery, participants focus on addressing different aspects of economic recovery from education and talent to economic development to entrepreneurship. The curriculum will focus on strategies for building more equitable economic outcomes and creating economies that work for everyone.

“We have been overwhelmed by the enthusiastic response to this executive

leadership training initiative and the high caliber of applicants,” said ACCE President Sheree Ann Kelly. Speaking on the need for businesses to engage in economic recovery activities, Kelly says her organization assists its members through various learning opportunities and best practice sharing. “This latest step in our strategy to engage business leaders and advocates in shaping recovery efforts, building resilient local economies and creating opportunities for everyone in the community to thrive.”

ACCE’s Fellowship for Economic Recovery is designed to help chambers refine their economic recovery goals and ultimately help the business associations nationwide build replicable programs and processes. Leaders selected to participate in the Fellowship represent urban and rural communities from 24 states.

“We’re so excited that Kat was selected to participate in this important fellowship,” said Jason Rae, President & CEO of the Wisconsin LGBT Chamber. “The lessons she learns during this program will be so valuable in our work to help LGBTQ and allied owned businesses bounce back.”