

**Berlin Economic Development Commission Developer of the Year Award
Presented on April 2, 2014 by Mayor Rachel Rochette**

The Developer of the Year Award is presented by the Berlin Economic Development Commission on behalf of the Town to a developer that has undertaken significant projects in Berlin. Annually the award recognizes a high quality project that enhances the Town's tax base and that contributes to the overall community. This year I am pleased to present the Developer of the Year Award to Reno Properties for the Learning Experience project.

The Learning Experience on High Road is an 11,000 square foot building. For this project David Occhialini and Berlin resident Dan Garafalo of Reno Properties teamed up with Vince Fortunato of Berlin's Fortunato Construction to attract the Learning Experience to Town and to build a facility to suit their requirements. The Learning Experience® (TLE®) has nearly 200 locations nationwide in 17 states and is the nation's fastest growing early learning academy franchise for children six weeks to six years old. Ed Faraci is the Co-owner of Berlin's Learning Experience location.

Reno Properties Group's commercial real estate professionals have been actively involved in the development, acquisition, disposition, leasing and management of commercial real estate properties for the past twenty years. They have been successful in developing over a half million square feet of commercial building. In addition they have sold over one million square feet of commercial space and completed leasing and management assignments for over three million square feet. They also work with various national tenants in the acquisition and disposition of owned and leased properties. We're appreciate that Reno Properties has chosen to invest in Berlin.

For its contributions to the Town, I am proud to present the Berlin Economic Development Commission's Developer of the Year Award to Dan Garafalo of Reno Properties.