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SCEDA Elects Officers and Directors at Annual Conference

The South Carolina Economic Developers' Association (SCEDA) elected their incoming Board during the organization's annual conference, held May 4-6, 2011 at the Marriott in Myrtle Beach.

SCEDA elected the following Officers at the meeting:

Heather Simmons Jones, SCCED was elected as the 2011-2012 President. Jones is Business Development Manager for Find Great People, LLC, in Columbia, SC.

Elected as Vice President, was **Jennifer Noel**, Executive Vice President of the Upstate South Carolina Alliance (Greenville).

George Wolfe, Partner, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough (Columbia), was elected as the organization's Secretary.

Jeff McKay, CEcD, Executive Director, North Eastern Strategic Alliance (Florence), will serve as Treasurer.

The following were elected as Directors: **Ray Jones**, Parker Poe (Columbia); **Nelson Lindsay, SCCED**, Kershaw County Economic Development Office (Camden); and **Will Williams, SCCED**, Economic Development Partnership (Aiken); and (returning) **David Cuda**, Red Rock Developments (Columbia); **Jeff Ruble, CEcD**, SC Power Team (Columbia); and **Steve West, SCCED**, Duke Energy (Greenville).

"I am honored to serve on the SCEDA Board this year with such a strong team of leaders that represent the strength of the economic development network in South Carolina," said Jones. "I look forward to another successful year for SCEDA as we focus on serving the membership's needs of professional education and advocacy as the Voice of Economic Development in South Carolina."

About SCEDA

South Carolina Economic Developers' Association is a 550+ member organization whose primary objective is to increase the effectiveness of individuals involved in the practice of economic development in South Carolina by encouraging cooperation, exchange of information and promotion of professional skills. With a proactive board and involved membership support, the organization will continue to advance the professionalism of South Carolina's economic development efforts. For more information, visit www.sceda.org.