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## **SCEDA members honored by S.C. Department of Commerce**

**COLUMBIA, S.C., April 18, 2012** – Two members from the S.C. Economic Developers' Association (SCEDA) have been recognized as 2012 Ambassadors for Economic Development by the S.C. Department of Commerce.

W. Stuart Ames of Progress Energy represented Florence County and Edward Kluiters of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd PA represented Lancaster County at the 21st annual ceremony Tuesday on the Statehouse grounds. Ambassadors for Economic Development are private-sector individuals who have made significant contributions to community and state development.

"SCEDA members all across our state advocate economic development to benefit the citizens of South Carolina," said Heather Simmons Jones, SCEDA president. "Stuart and Edward are shining examples of SCEDA's mission in action."

Since 1965, the S.C. Economic Developers' Association has served as the Voice of Economic Development in the Palmetto State. A professional trade association of more than 580 members, with representation from all 46 counties, SCEDA includes local and regional economic developers, as well as officials from municipal, county and state government agencies, construction and engineering firms, utility companies, attorneys, consultants, financial institutions, and higher education.

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