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Daniel Young receives SCEDA Distinguished Service Award

COLUMBIA, S.C. – May 7, 2012 – The S.C. Economic Developers' Association (SCEDA) announced that Daniel Young, director of grants and incentives with the S.C. Department of Commerce, received its Distinguished Service Award during the 2012 SCEDA Annual Conference at the Westin Hilton Head Island Resort.

The SCEDA Distinguished Service Award recognizes exemplary efforts in the field of professional economic and community development in South Carolina.

Young has been with the Department of Commerce since 1989, when he joined the staff of the Office of Rural and Community Development. In 1996, Young became manager of the department's prospect activities team, responsible for presenting information to companies regarding available incentives and the strategic advantages of South Carolina. Since that time he has worked on some of the state's largest economic development projects and helped shape incentives policy. He played a crucial role in the decision by Vought Aircraft to locate in Charleston County, a precursor to the decision by Boeing to come to South Carolina.

For the past three years, he has served as director of grants administration and executive director of the Coordinating Council. The council is responsible for approving and administering the state's discretionary incentives and more than \$50 million in grant dollars annually. A quiet leader who sets an example that inspires his teammates, Young was actively involved in the projects that resulted in the Bridgestone and Continental tire companies committing to substantial investments in South Carolina.

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. To learn more, visit www.SCEDA.org.

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