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Hal Johnson named SCEDA Local Developer of the Year

COLUMBIA, S.C. - May 8, 2013 - The S.C. Economic Developers' Association (SCEDA) announced Henry "Hal" Johnson III, president and chief executive officer of the Upstate S.C. Alliance, was named its Local Developer of the Year.

Johnson was honored during the 2013 SCEDA Annual Conference at the Westin Hilton Head Island Resort. The award recognizes the hard work and dedication of local developers in South Carolina who have made a significant difference in their community.

"Hal's vision and leadership have positioned the Upstate to successfully compete in today's global market," said George Wolfe, immediate past president of the SCEDA board of directors. "We are fortunate to have him on our team in South Carolina."

Johnson joined the Upstate SC Alliance as its president and CEO in 2005. Just last year Johnson led the organization through a complete restructuring as called for under a targeted marketing strategy completed and adopted by the Upstate SC Alliance board in 2010. This year the Upstate SC Alliance has been recognized with the "Achievement in Public Private Partnership Award" as "Best in Class" from Business Facilities magazine, a national publication oriented to the site selection process.

Johnson is a 1988 graduate of The Citadel with a degree in business administration and management and was selected as Economic Developer of the Year by the National Rural Economic Developers Association in 2003. He also serves as 1st Vice Chairman of the Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC) Board of Directors; as Vice President for Development of the Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America; and on the board of directors of the Caine Halter YMCA.

About SCEDA

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 600 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<<http://www.SCEDA.org>>.