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Williamsburg County Economic Development Board Announces Recognition of 2022 Economic Development Week

The international event will highlight local efforts to increase the quality of life in every community over the course of May 9 to May 13, 2022

Kingstree, South Carolina –Williamsburg County Economic Development Board marks the week of May 9 to May 13, 2022, as the next Economic Development Week. During this week, communities across North America will celebrate and recognize the contributions made by professional economic developers to create more economically vibrant and livable communities.

Created in 2016, by International Economic Development Council (IEDC), the largest international professional trade association for economic developers, Economic Development Week aims to increase awareness for local programs that create jobs, advance career development opportunities, and improve the quality of life in communities everywhere.

"Economic developers play essential roles in promoting the economic health and vitality of their communities — a fact that has only been proven further by the events of the past two years," says IEDC President & CEO Nathan Ohle. "The 2022 Economic Development Week will serve to recognize, honor and celebrate the ingenuity and leadership practitioners have shown in working to create a more equitable and prosperous future for everyone. I encourage everyone to begin planning their own celebrations that will lift up the important outcomes economic developers facilitate in their communities."

"Last year, through our efforts and partnerships, we reported capital investments totaling \$82.3 million, and 151 jobs. We began 2022, with an announcement in March, regarding a project with capital investments of \$3.3 million and 242 jobs. These were major economic successes for our rural communities. We will continue to execute our organization's mission to show that Williamsburg County is right for business", says WCEDB Executive Director Gilleon Frieson.

About Williamsburg County Economic Development Board

The mission of Williamsburg County Economic Development Board is to improve the quality of life for Williamsburg County citizens, and to foster a favorable and desirable location for businesses. We will accomplish our mission by:

- Implementing business retention, business expansion, and business development strategies and programs

- Identifying workforce development opportunities through academia and employment agencies
- Conducting research to identify, target, and attract future industries and markets
- Cultivating partnerships with local, regional, state, and federal agencies to obtain economic, workforce, legal, and political resources to promote and sustain economic growth
- Establishing a reputable “brand” through coordinated marketing strategies

About the International Economic Development Council

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 4,300 members, IEDC is the largest organization of its kind. Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities, by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base. From public to private, rural to urban, and local to international, IEDC’s members are engaged in the full range of economic development experience. Given the breadth of economic development work, our members are employed in a wide variety of settings including local, state, provincial and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other institutions. IEDC’s members create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities and improve the quality of life in their regions. www.iedcONLINE.org.

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