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EDC announces new officers and board members for 2012

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO --- A changing of the guard is underway at the Economic Development Center (EDC) of St. Charles County as they proudly announce their 2012 board with new officers and new members, while also recognizing outgoing board members.

New board members are **John Antes**, president of Progress West Healthcare Center and Barnes-Jewish St. Peters Hospital, who was elected EDC vice chair; and **Dr. James Evans**, president of Lindenwood University.

The rest of the 2012 board includes Chair **Keith Schneider**, senior vice president and principal of Cassidy Turley; Treasurer **Karl Ruhmann**, vice president of SCI Engineering; Secretary **Michael Padella**, city administrator of the city of Weldon Spring; **Kevin Bray**, senior vice president of Commerce Bank; **David Demien**, president of Demien Construction Company; **Paul Markworth**, city administrator of the city of Lake Saint Louis; and **Randy Weber**, principal of Hazelwood Weber.

New EDC members are **Linda Haberstroh**, chief executive officer of Phoenix Textile; **Dennis Maher**, senior vice president of Enterprise Bank; **Susan Mathis**, chief operating officer of CenterPointe Hospital; and **Scott Tate**, president and chief executive officer of the newly merged St. Charles and St. Peters Chambers of Commerce.

Outgoing members are **Billy Collier** of United Services, **Drew Rector** of SSM St. Joseph Hospital West, **Dennis Zimmer** of First State Bank, and **Mary Lu Sanders-Zinser** of the Intellectual Property Law Center.

“It is a bittersweet thing each year as we welcome new members and thank those who are retiring from our board, some after years of service like Billy Collier and Dennis Zimmer,” said Greg Prestemon, EDC president and chief executive officer. “We are planning to pursue an aggressive agenda for 2012 and are honored by all those who have agreed to serve as we focus on job creation and community issues in this pivotal year,” he added.

For more information about the EDC, visit www.edcsc.com or call 636.441.6880.

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Established in 1990 as a public-private initiative, the EDC serves as the lead economic development organization helping businesses, entrepreneurs and communities grow and thrive throughout Greater St. Charles County. The EDC and its sister company, the Small Business Synergy Corporation, operate a 60,000-square-foot business incubator in St. Peters. The EDC is also a Certified Development Company ("CDC"), offering SBA 504 loans throughout the State of Missouri as well as in the Illinois counties of Jersey, Madison, St. Clair, Monroe, Bond, and Clinton. The SBA 504 Loan Program enables growing businesses to secure long term, fixed rate financing when making a fixed asset acquisition.

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