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President's Message

by Scott Millar

The 40th Anniversary NCEDA Annual Conference is now just a week away, so it's almost time to head to the magnificent Grove Park Inn located in beautiful Asheville, N.C.! As you are aware, we plan to celebrate this significant anniversary with a special anniversary dinner and celebration with performances by The Kat Williams Experience. Remember, this anniversary party is black-tie optional, so come dressed to impress!

Please remember, in order to help the conference run smoothly, every event at the conference will require a nametag for entry. You will receive your nametags in your welcome packet at conference registration. The nametags in your packet will designate which events you (and your guests) have registered to attend. You will be required to have your nametag for entry to breakfasts, lunches and receptions for the duration of the conference.

As usual, at the conference we will also announce the prestigious NCEDA Economic Developer of the Year Award, and we will welcome in our new NCEDA Board Members and President.

Many thanks go out to everyone who has supported NCEDA and the 40th Annual Conference; especially the generous sponsors who help NCEDA continue to offer high-quality programs at reasonable prices.

Having served with NCEDA for six years and as your president this year, I must tell you what a special honor it has been. I am proud to have led such an extraordinary group of people who are so committed to the field of economic development. It has been an unforgettable year, and I sincerely thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

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To the board members and officers, past and present, thank you for the association structure you have forged and maintained over time. To the association staff and management, thank you for your support. Most importantly, thank you to the membership for your sustained support and active participation.

2006 NCEDA Legislative Reception UPDATE

NCEDA proudly hosted the association's 2006 Legislative Reception on Tuesday, May 16, at the N.C. Museum of History in downtown Raleigh.

The event was a great success, drawing in more than 100 legislators from around the state and several members of the Council of State.

We would also like to give a special thanks to the N.C. Ports Authority for their sponsorship of the 2006 Legislative Reception.

Finally, thank you to all of our members who made it a priority to attend. NCEDA's legislative reception continues to be a key way for our members and the members of the General Assembly to connect and build on important relationships.

Our reception has grown into one of the premier legislative events of the season, and it certainly would not have this reputation without the continued support from our members.

Thank you!

Meet Your Board

This month we feature Board member Steve Gosselin.

Steve Gosselin is a Vice President/Branch Manager for the Charlotte Branch of ECS Carolinas. He graduated with a B.S. in Geology from Texas A&M University in 1977. Mr. Gosselin is a licensed geologist in North Carolina and Virginia and a Registered Site Manager certified by the State of North Carolina Voluntary Cleanup Program to perform environmental assessment and remediation. He is responsible for managing a variety of environmental projects including underground storage tank (UST) removal, soil and groundwater investigation/remediation, solid and hazardous waste management including landfill permit applications and industrial environmental compliance. Steve is a board member of the Triad Chapter of NAIOP and is also a member of the North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry and CoreNet.

Steve, his wife Karen and family live in Kernersville.

Patron Sponsor Profile

This month we feature EMBARQ, formerly Sprint.

EMBARQ is a next-generation communications company providing local phone services, long distance voice and data services, high-speed Internet access and networking products for residential and business customers.

EMBARQ Corporation (NYSE: EQ) provides a suite of communications services to customers in its serving areas. EMBARQ, which is expected to rank among the Fortune 500, brings common-sense ideas, reliable service and a renewed commitment to the communities it serves. EMBARQ focuses on offering its customers practical, innovative products and competitive pricing. The company has 20,000 employees and operates in 18 states offering local and long distance voice, data, high speed internet, wireless and entertainment services.

NCEDA CALENDAR

upcoming events:

June 14-16, 2006

NCEDA 2006 Annual Conference
Grove Park Inn; Asheville, N.C.

August 7-10, 2006

34th Annual Basic Economic
Development Course
University of N.C. at Chapel Hill

October 10-11, 2006

NCEDA 2006 Fall Conference
Grandover; Greensboro, N.C.

March 15-16, 2007

NCEDA 2007 Midwinter Conference
Pinehurst, N.C.

Registration now open!

34th Annual Basic Economic Development Course at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The course will be offered on August 7-10, 2006 in Chapel Hill, NC. The deadline for early registration is July 7, 2006. The registration fee will increase from \$600 to \$640 after that date.

Visit the course Web site at www.cednc.unc.edu/bedc for more information and to register online.

Contact Emily Campbell at BasicCourse@unc.edu or 919-843-8176 with questions.

Note: Space is limited - course fills up quickly - Register now!

2006 NCEDA Annual Conference
The 40th Anniversary
TENTATIVE AGENDA:

Come celebrate the 40th Anniversary of NCEDA at our 2006 Annual Conference, June 14-16th at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville. Registration is open online at www.nceda.org.

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.: Conference Registration
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.: Welcome Reception in honor of Past Presidents
8:00 – 10:30 p.m.: Dessert Reception

Thursday, June 15, 2006

7:45 – 8:30 a.m.: Networking Breakfast
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.: **SESSION 1**
Welcome/Committee Reports
NCEDA Business Session – Committee Updates
Department of Commerce Updates
IEDC Updates - Ronnie Bryant, President and CEO of Charlotte Regional Partnership
9:30 – 10:15 a.m.: **SESSION 2**
Staying a Step Ahead – The Role of Higher Education in N.C.
Brad Wilson, Chair, UNC Board
Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, Chair, State Board of Community Colleges
Moderator-Charles Hayes
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.: Networking Break
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.: **SESSION 3**
NC Department of Commerce's Research Prototype
Chris Beachem – N.C. Department of Commerce
11:15 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.: **SESSION 4**
Keynote Address
The Honorable Richard Moore
Treasurer of North Carolina
11:45 a.m.: Box lunches
12:45 p.m.: Golf Registration begins
1:00 p.m.: Golf Tournament commences
6:45 – 8:00 p.m.: 40th Anniversary Party Reception
8:00 – 9:00 p.m.: 40th Anniversary Party Dinner – plated dinner
9:00 – 11:00 p.m.: 40th Anniversary Party, Black Tie optional with band

Friday, June 16, 2006

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.: Networking Breakfast
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.: **SESSION 5**
Group Breakout Session
Allies - Brenda Daniels
Local Developers – Don Porter
Regional Developers/N.C. Department of Commerce – John Hunter
9:30 – 10:15 a.m.: **SESSION 6**
NCEDA Business Session
Breakout Session Reports
Presentation of the Economic Developer of the Year
Passing of the Gavel
Outgoing and incoming NCEDA Board of Directors
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.: Networking Break
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.: **SESSION 7**
Innovation in Action: The North Carolina Research Campus Project
Sen. Fletcher Hartsell, N.C. Senate
John Cox, Cabarrus Regional Partnership
Moderator- Kenny McDonald
11:15 – 11:45 a.m.: **SESSION 8**
Incentives Lawsuit Update
Burley Mitchell, Womble Carlyle
11:45 a.m.: Closing Remarks and Adjourn

ACROSS THE STATE:

N.C. Economic Development Guide

The 10th annual North Carolina Economic Development Guide will be published in fall 2006.

Advertising in this guide offers your company or organization an excellent way to target North Carolina's best out-of-state and in-state prospects for business expansion and relocation.

For more information, please contact Ben Kinney at Business North Carolina magazine at (704) 523-6987 ext. 236 or e-mail: binney@businessnc.com.

Rocky Mount Architectural Firm Changes Name

Oakley Associates, Architects P.A. has a brand new name.....Oakley Collier Architects P.A. Ann W. Collier, AIA has joined Tim Oakley, AIA as Vice President of the firm. The firm will continue to deliver unique design solutions to projects throughout North Carolina with a new name and renewed dedication.

The firm was founded in 1988. Oakley Collier Architects, P.A. is a 10-person architectural firm providing design services in the following areas; college/universities, K-12 schools, municipal, churches, industrial, commercial office, retail buildings and medical office buildings.

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