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LaTokia Trigg and Dana Wood Complete 2012 South Carolina Economic Development Institute

COLUMBIA, S.C. – On Friday, November 9th, LaTokia Trigg and Dana Wood, along with fifty-three other local leaders and development professionals from across South Carolina, completed the 2012 South Carolina Economic Development Institute. Institute attendees received their Certificates of Completion during the final day of the 2012 Institute held at The Phillips Market Center at the SC Farmers Market.

The 2012 Institute participants traveled to different locations throughout the state that have been successful in community development and attracting and expanding their business and industrial base. Attendees gained insight into issues relating to: water and wastewater infrastructure, available industrial or business buildings, and the importance other community development components necessary to attract investment.

The Institute is a partnership between the South Carolina Department of Commerce and the South Carolina Economic Developers' Association (SCEDA). The program emphasizes essential elements necessary to be competitive in today's global economy and educates supporters of economic development on emerging trends in community and economic development.

The Institute is open to participants from a wide variety of organizations and entities including:

1. City and Town and County Councils
2. Local Economic Development Practitioners
3. County Economic Development Boards
4. County School Boards
5. Regional Economic Development Boards
6. Utility Companies
7. Local/State Government employees

2013 will mark the twenty-third year for the quarterly, two-day session Institute. The Institute sessions planned for 2012 are as follows:

- Session I- "Leadership & Communication Skills"- February 7&8- Sumter/Central Carolina Technical College Health Sciences Center

- Session II- “Community Development” May 9 & 10- City of Aiken Municipal Auditorium
- Session III- “Business & Industrial Development”- Spartanburg/The George/USC Upstate August 8 & 9-
- Session IV- “Product Development”- November 7 & 8- Rock Hill Operations Center

For more information on the 2013 Institute, interested attendees should visit the web at www.sceda.org or contact the South Carolina Economic Developers’ Association at 803-929-0305.

Suggested caption for local attendee (s) or group:

Pictured in the attached photo is George Wolf, SCEDA President, LaTokia Trigg, Dana Wood, and Maceo Nance, SC Department of Commerce. Trigg and Wood recently received a Certificate of Completion from the South Carolina Economic Development Institute. The Institute is a quarterly two-day economic development education program that educates local leaders and economic development supporters on current strategies and trends in community and economic development.

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