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LCDA launches Existing Industry Roundtable program

Liberty County, Ga. – The Liberty County Development Authority (LCDA) recently kicked off its Existing Industry Roundtable program with a luncheon presentation at Holton’s Seafood in Midway.

“We are continually looking for ways to assist our existing industries, and we developed the Existing Industry Roundtable program after looking at successful programs in other communities in Georgia,” states Ronald E. Tolley, chief executive officer of the LCDA. “The program will allow us to bring together plant managers from our existing industries twice a year to listen to presentations on relevant topics and provide an opportunity for the attendees to have an open dialogue with the presenter and one another. Depending on the topic, we may also invite others at the companies, like human resources or safety managers, to be included in the programs.”

For the inaugural program, the LCDA invited Tom Alexander, chief executive officer of the Liberty College & Career Academy (LCCA), to deliver a presentation on the LCCA that is scheduled to officially open in August 2012. The LCCA is a cooperative venture between the Liberty County School System, Savannah Technical College, and the local employers to better prepare the community’s workforce.

“The LCCA can provide a valuable workforce development solution for Liberty County’s existing industries,” says Alexander. “In addition to offering career pathways like Engineering & CADD, Aircraft Support, and Welding at the LCCA, there are opportunities to offer pathways in Manufacturing and Warehousing & Distribution. We can customize pathways to teach necessary skills needed by our existing industries in Liberty County.”

At the event, industry representatives were present from Firth Rixson Forgings, LLC; International Greetings USA; SNF; Target; and Waltrich Plastics in addition to participation from the Liberty County School System, the LCDA, and Savannah Technical College. Georgia Power sponsored the luncheon.

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