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Ronald Tolley Named President of the Middle Coastal Unified Development Authority

HINESVILLE, GA – Ronald E. Tolley, CECD, chief executive officer of the Liberty County Development Authority, was recently elected president of the Middle Coastal Unified Development Authority (MCUDA) for a two-year term.

The MCUDA, created in 1994, is a legally recognized economic development authority consisting of 13 counties in Georgia's middle coastal region, including Bryan, Bulloch, Candler, Chatham, Effingham, Evans, Liberty, Long, Montgomery, Screven, Tattnall, Toombs, and Wheeler. The MCUDA's mission is to focus on multi-community assets and cooperative efforts to promote and encourage economic growth.

As a joint development authority, the MCUDA has worked tirelessly to improve the economic conditions in the participating counties. Due to the support of the MCUDA, 10 counties in the region have received a combined total of \$23,800,000 in grant funding for economic development projects.

In an effort to promote professional development, the MCUDA has supported the regional Georgia Academy of Economic Development through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The MCUDA has also sponsored and co-sponsored events like the Green Diamond and Red Carpet Tours, as well as hosted events in Atlanta to meet and make presentations to key decision makers in economic development organizations like the Georgia Department of Economic Development, Georgia Power, Georgia EMC, MEAG, and the Georgia General Assembly.

Tolley remarked on the opportunity to serve as president of the MCUDA by stating, "I am honored that my peers have elected me to serve as president of the MCUDA. The MCUDA has a rich history of working together to promote the economic development of the middle coastal region to site consultants and the State of Georgia. I look forward to working with the officers and members of the MCUDA to continue to elevate the organization to be the premiere joint development authority in the State."

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