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Patrick Topping, Senior Vice President of the Macon Economic Development Commission Joins Governor Perdue to Proclaim "Economic Development Day"

Macon, GA—Governor Sonny Perdue recently declared January 22nd "Economic Development Day" in the state of Georgia. Patrick Topping, 2nd Vice President of the Board of Directors of Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA) joined Governor Perdue with other GEDA officers and board members as he signed a Proclamation declaring January 22, 2008 "Economic Development Day in recognition of the important role economic development plays in our growth and success".

Georgia is consistently ranked as one the leading states in the nation for job growth and economic prosperity. *Expansion Management Magazine* lists Georgia as the best state in the nation for workforce training; *Site Selection Magazine* says Georgia has the second best business climate; and CNBC says that Georgia is the fourth best state in the nation to do business. Georgia's growth is attributed to workforce training, entrepreneurial and small business appeal and tourism.

Macon Bibb County has seen substantial economic development growth in recent years. Since 2004, MEDC has attracted 41 new and expanded industries, \$603,815,000 in investment and 3954 jobs. The mission of the Macon Economic Development Commission (MEDC) is to attract, sustain and grow primary jobs and investment in Macon and Bibb County.

GEDA is the leading professional association dedicated to enhancing Georgia's economic vitality, with nearly 900 members statewide. The organization's mission is to provide and promote networking and professional development opportunities and to shape economic development public policy. For more information about GEDA, please visit www.geda.org.

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