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INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

*Greg Wingfield, President and CEO of the Greater Richmond Partnership,
Elected to IEDC Board*

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) has unanimously elected Gregory H. Wingfield, President and CEO of the Greater Richmond Partnership in Richmond, Virginia, to its Board of Directors. The election took place during IEDC's 2008 Annual Conference, which was held October 19-22 in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Wingfield will serve a two-year term on the board beginning January 1, 2009.

"The International Economic Development Council is the world's leading economic development organization for professionals working in the economic development arena," said Ian Bromley, IEDC's Chair-elect. "Service on the board is a genuine honor, and I am eager to work with Mr. Wingfield and the other members to provide leadership to IEDC as the organization furthers its mission of furnishing quality information, first-rate education, and exceptional development opportunities to its members."

Mr. Wingfield has committed his career to recruiting and retaining businesses and developing opportunities for the vitality of a region. Specifically, the past 14 years he has been promoting Greater Richmond serving as the first elected President and CEO of the Greater Richmond Partnership, a public-private regional economic development organization. Since launching in mid-1994, the Partnership has assisted numerous high profile companies including, Qimonda Richmond, Genworth, Brink's, Philip Morris USA, MeadWestvaco and Altria Group Inc. The more than 360 businesses recruited since 1994 have committed over \$6.2 billion in new investment. The region has also added more than 124,000 net new jobs over this same period.

Mr. Wingfield earned bachelor's and master's degrees in urban and regional planning from Virginia Commonwealth University and began his career as a planner with state and regional agencies, and as director/manager with the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. From 1984 to mid-1987, Mr. Wingfield was marketing manager with the Virginia Department of Economic Development. Then, for seven years, just before coming back to Greater Richmond, he was president of Forward Hampton Roads, the economic development arm of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce in Norfolk, Virginia. Since Mr. Wingfield began his career in 1976, he has assisted over 575 companies that have invested more than \$7.6 billion in new capital investment in the Commonwealth.

Past president of the Virginia Economic Developers Association and the recipient of the Virginia Economic Developers Association's Cardinal Award, Mr. Wingfield has been a speaker before various economic development forums in the US and abroad.

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is headquartered in Washington, DC. Its mission is to provide leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members and partners.

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