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Working to Make the Columbia County Economy Strong

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Today's economy calls for every organization to define its value to the community it serves. The Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) is no exception. As stewards of the taxpayers' hard-earned money, our value is proven by how well we use tax dollars to ensure we reap the greatest benefits for Columbia County residents.

For the last 21 years the Columbia County Economic Development Corporation has worked to make the Columbia County economy as strong as it could possibly be. We remain committed to that objective, however there is no question that the economic challenges facing our county will require even greater efforts in years to come. To help us meet those challenges, we will need to form strong partnerships that will work collaboratively to sustain the high level of economic success that Columbia County has achieved in the past.

It is in that context of strong partnerships that I want to commend the Columbia County Board of Supervisors for their focus and commitment to a strong Columbia County economy. They have long been advocates for the kind of economic growth that Columbia County wants and deserves – smart growth that balances the value of open space preservation with the need for diversified businesses that provide quality jobs and a solid tax base.

Working cooperatively, we look forward to finding new ways to strengthen our economy, generate new job opportunities and build the solid tax base that will sustain our needs and make Columbia County a place where one can raise a family. Grow a business. Spend a lifetime. A place that holds the promise to be more.

As we move forward, CEDC will keep its balance – seeking new ideas, partners and approaches to our work – while maintaining our longstanding commitment to our mission of maximizing the county's economic prosperity and well-being.

We're on the right track to take our organization to new levels of effectiveness. We look forward to continuing to serve to Columbia County and sincerely thank everyone for your support of our important economic development efforts.

The Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) is the lead economic development organization for Columbia County that works to strengthen the area's tax base through economic development and job creation, assist businesses locate and expand within the County, and promote Columbia County as a premier location to live and work.

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