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Greenville Area Development Corporation Names 2010-11 Board Members, Officers

GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC – June 15, 2010 – The Greenville Area Development Corporation, the county-chartered organization tasked with promoting and enhancing the economic growth of Greenville County, announced the reappointment of Chris Riley and Bruce White to new three-year terms on the organization’s Board of Directors, along with the appointment of four Upstate leaders as officers of the Board for 2010-11.

“Both Mr. Riley and Mr. White are well immersed in the Greenville business community and have been active contributors to economic development activities here” said Jerry Howard, GADC President and CEO, in making the announcement. “Their reappointment by County Council brings important experience, stability and insight to the leadership team of this organization.”

Mr. Riley is South Carolina market president for Regions Bank, which operates 36 offices in markets across the Upstate, Columbia, Beaufort, Hilton Head and Charleston. A veteran banker, he previously established two private investment funds in the Carolinas before joining Regions earlier this year. He is active with the Metropolitan Arts Council and the Student Improvement Council for Hughes Academy, attends Buncombe Street United Methodist Church and is a volunteer with Triune Mercy Center.

Mr. White is president of Bank of Travelers Rest, the oldest bank headquartered in Greenville County, which he joined following his graduation in 1971 from Clemson University. The veteran banker works with associates and customers at nine offices across the Upstate, while maintaining an active civic involvement schedule.

In addition to the reappointments, the GADC’s Howard also announced the election of Jo Watson Hackl as chairperson, Riley as vice chair, Scott Case as secretary, and Robert Howard as treasurer.

Ms. Hackl is an attorney with the Greenville-based law firm Wyche Burgess Freeman & Parham, P.A., a Trustee of both the Community Foundation of Greenville and The



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Children's Museum, and President-Elect of the Greenville Professional Women's Forum. Long active in civic causes and a member of the United Way Campaign Cabinet, she is a founder of the SPARKS mentoring program and a Liberty Fellow.

Mr. Case is the current Greenville County auditor, a former member of Greenville County Council, and an active supporter of other economic development organizations serving Greenville County, including the Upstate Alliance and Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Howard is executive director of the Greenville Tech Foundation and the former executive director of the Greenville Symphony Orchestra. A retired commissioner of the Greenville Water System, he serves on the board of numerous civic organizations including the Community Foundation of Greenville, the Commerce Club and the Rose Ball, and is a past president of the South Carolina Nature Conservancy, Leadership South Carolina and the South Carolina Student Loan Corporation.

"All four of these individuals bring unique assets and have played key roles in helping to attract investments and quality jobs to Greenville County," said Howard in making the announcement. "They will provide exceptional leadership for Greenville and for this organization."

The new officers succeed outgoing chairman Mike Buitter and outgoing treasurer Ray Lattimore. Mr. Buitter as well as Mr. Lattimore will remain as board members. Ms. Hackl previously served as vice chair and Mr. Case as secretary. Howard expressed appreciation to the outgoing officers for their service on the Board and to the community. "Mr. Buitter and Mr. Lattimore have played a significant role in helping move forward Greenville's economic development mission, and for that we are immensely grateful," said Howard.

Since its inception in 2001, the Greenville Area Development Corporation has announced support of more than 150 major projects representing more than \$2 billion in capital investment and creating in excess of 10,000 new jobs in Greenville County. Private sector support of the GADC has also reached an all-time high, with more than 125 investor companies now contributing to the community's and GADC's success.

For additional information on the Greenville Area Development Corporation, visit them on the web at www.GoGADC.com or call 864.235.2008.

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