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GADC HONORS MICHAEL RIORDAN AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AMBASSADOR

***PRESIDENT & CEO OF GREENVILLE HOSPITAL SYSTEM SALUTED FOR
STRATEGIC CONTRIBUTIONS, “TIRELESS EFFORT”***

GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC, January 26, 2010 — The Greenville Area Development Corporation, charged with promoting and enhancing quality of life in Greenville County by facilitating job growth and investment, has named Michael C. Riordan, president and CEO of the Greenville Hospital System, as Greenville County’s Economic Development Ambassador for 2009.

The announcement will be made today during ceremonies recognizing January 25-29 as South Carolina Industry Appreciation Week. Governor Mark Sanford is scheduled to individually recognize Riordan and 45 other Ambassadors, one from each county in the state, who have made exceptional contributions to community and state economic development in the past year.

GADC President & CEO Jerry Howard commended Riordan’s “tireless efforts and total commitment to the advancement of healthcare as well as the development of innovative systems and businesses to support healthcare in Greenville County and across the Upstate” in announcing the honor.



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“Michael Riordan has worked closely with the Greenville Area Development Corporation team, meeting with prospects and leveraging Greenville Hospital System talent and resources as needed to advance economic development for all of us in Greenville County,” said Howard. “He has made major, positive contributions to this county’s economic prosperity and quality of life, and certainly deserves this recognition and honor.”

Riordan assumed his current duties as President and CEO of Greenville Hospital System in August 2006, and has been an active contributor to the community ever since. A frequent speaker at area civic clubs, community groups and religious organizations, he directs the strategy and operations of the 1,100-plus bed, multi-campus hospital system which benefits thousands across the Upstate annually. He is a member of the board of directors for Health Sciences South Carolina, a public-private partnership harnessing the resources of the state’s leading hospitals and universities to improve overall health, education, economic development and well-being for South Carolinians. He also serves on the regional board of the Urban League of the Upstate, Inc.

Riordan earned both his bachelor’s degree in liberal arts/English and his master’s degree in education/psychology from Columbia University in New York. He also holds a Master of Science degree in health systems from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

“Without leaders like Michael Riordan and all of the organizations who help to advance economic development in this community, the Greenville Area Development Corporation’s ability to help produce jobs, capital investment and new tax revenues for the people of Greenville County would be severely restricted,” said Howard. “We all owe Michael and his colleagues at Greenville Hospital System a debt of gratitude for their many contributions.”

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The Greenville Area Development Corporation is a non-profit organization established by Greenville County Council to promote and enhance the economic growth and development of Greenville County. For additional information, visit us on the web at www.GoGADC.com or call (864) 235-2008.