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GADC Honors Don Erickson as Economic Development Ambassador for 2015

Lockheed's Site Director honored for supporting County's recruiting and retention efforts

GREENVILLE, SC -- Don Erickson, Site Director of Lockheed Martin, has been named Greenville County's 2015 Economic Development Ambassador.



The formal announcement was made at the Governor's Mansion in Columbia on April 2 during ceremonies as South Carolina celebrated the 25th annual Industry Appreciation Week. Governor Nikki Haley individually recognized Mr. Erickson 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.

Industry Appreciation Week is celebrated to express thanks to companies for their contributions to local communities, to honor economic development leaders, and to build awareness that existing business is a fundamental driver of both local and state economies.

"Don is the kind of community-oriented business leader who manages to excel for Lockheed Martin while also striving to make Greenville a better place to live and work," said GADC President & CEO Mark Farris. "Under his leadership, the site has been recognized within the Lockheed network for superior quality work while Don has diligently served on critical local boards including the Greenville Tech Foundation, SC Governor's School, SC Manufacturer's Alliance, and the March of Dimes. He also participates annually in the CEO Build with Habitat for Humanity. Greenville could not ask for a better representative for this prestigious award."

As Site Director for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics at SCTAC, Mr. Erickson is responsible for all activities associated with modification, maintenance repair and overhaul (MMRO) services, and company management system (CMS) compliance. The Greenville site provides complex aircraft modifications, maintenance, mission system and technical upgrades. The facility comprises 282 acres with 16 hangars, support shops and warehouse space. The customer base includes the US Navy, US Air Force, Homeland Security and multiple International operators.

Mr. Erickson holds a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is married to Sue Erickson and has a daughter and son.

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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. Since its founding in 2001, GADC efforts have resulted in the creation of more than 18,500 new jobs and more than \$3 billion in capital investment in Greenville County, SC. To learn more, visit www.goGADC.com or call (864) 235-2008.