



June 21, 2011

Dear Community Leaders,

The operations merger for the OneGeorgia Authority and DCA is nearly completed, and we're both pleased to say that the process has been a smooth one, and that you have been very supportive of these needed changes, understanding that our goal is to maximize the funds available to stimulate job creation and retention in rural Georgia.

We've enclosed some specific guidance on these operational changes and contacts at the end of this communication, including who to contact about various OneGeorgia programs after the office in Dublin closes at the end of this month.

We held the final Fy2011 OneGeorgia Authority Board meeting last week at which the Board approved a combined \$8,050,000 in EDGE project financing and Equity contracts, and \$4,400,000 in indirect program funding. An opportunity for communities to receive their recognition awards directly from the Governor is planned for August 4th in south Georgia, with details to come soon.

We're both also very pleased to announce that three of the OneGeorgia staff members have accepted positions with DCA, including Tonya Mole, who joined DCA as a CDFD Field Services Representative in April. Cindy Alligood and Lynn Ashcraft will join the Team Georgia Managers group as of July 1st, serving as the Region 9 and Region 11 Team Georgia managers respectively. (Nancy will continue to serve as Executive Director, marketing the OneGeorgia programs statewide and participating in application reviews. In addition, she'll be joining our Rural Development policy staff, and providing leadership in that new role.)

As always, we continue to work for you, seeking opportunities to partner with you to create opportunities for Georgia's families and businesses to succeed. We appreciate your support and look forward to the coming year in our enhanced DCA-OneGeorgia partnership.

Sincerely,

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TRANSITION INFORMATION

Please mail all OneGeorgia correspondence after June 21, 2011 to:

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OneGeorgia Authority Georgia Department of Community Affairs Post Office Box 15481 Atlanta, Georgia 30333

After July 1, 2011, Nancy Cobb, as executive director, will continue to market OneGeorgia programs and will participate in the review of applications.

After July 1, 2011, the following will be primary contacts for OneGeorgia Authority contracts and awards:

Indirect Assistance Programs

Saralyn Stafford, Assistant Commissioner of the Local Assistance Division, for all Indirect Programs such as the Agricultural Water Metering program, Centers of Innovation, Entrepreneur Outreach, Leadership Infrastructure, and the Georgia Rural Development Council.

Phone: 404-679-3166 Email: saralyn.stafford@dca.ga.gov

Direct Assistance Programs

Brian Williamson, Assistant Commissioner of the Community Development and Finance Division for all Direct Assistance Programs such as Equity, EDGE, ESB, E-911, BRIDGE, Strategic Industries Loan Fund, and AirGeorgia

Phone: 404-679-1587 Email: brian.williamson@dca.ga.gov

Joanie Perry, Director, Office of Economic Development

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The following will be program management contacts:

Irette Patterson – Equity, E-911, BRIDGE and AirGeorgia

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Coleen Gelot – ESB Loan Guarantees

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For Assistance with Project Development, please contact your Economic Development Field Services Representative (map and contact information on following page). These representatives are available to assist you from initial project assessment through the application stages, and also provide field follow-up visits after awards are made.

