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SHAWNEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Andrew Nave, CEcD, assumes Executive Director position February 7

SHAWNEE, Kan. January 31, 2011 – The Shawnee Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce Andrew Nave, CEcD, as the new Executive Director, Economic Development Council. Nave will be responsible for promoting the economic welfare and growth of Shawnee. To that end, he will develop and implement programs for marketing, business attraction and business retention efforts. He will also oversee development of proposals, budget formulation, policy development and membership recruitment. Nave will begin his duties as Executive Director, EDC on February 7.



“Andrew comes to us with expertise, enthusiasm and fresh ideas,” said Linda Leeper, President and CEO, Shawnee Chamber of Commerce. “He has a winning personality, is hardworking, approachable and a team player. These characteristics will certainly be beneficial to the Shawnee Economic Development Council, its membership, the City of Shawnee, and the business community as a whole.”

“I am honored to be a part of the continued growth and success of one of the premier communities in our region and state,” said Nave. “Partnering with the SEDC members, city staff, elected officials, and Chamber leadership we will find creative and innovative approaches to expand Shawnee’s economy and commercial development landscape.”

Nave has more than seven years experience in Economic Development and was most recently the Business Recruitment & Retention Manager at the Overland Park Economic Development Council. He is familiar with the Shawnee community, having previously served as the Assistant Director, Shawnee Economic Development Council. Nave obtained his Certified Economic Development certificate in 2007 and is active in a number of professional organizations, including the Johnson County Citizen’s Visioning Committee, the Johnson County Partnership, the Kansas Economic Development Association, and the International Economic Development Council.

“As one of the youngest in the country to have achieved the CEcD certification, we are excited that Andrew has chosen to put that level of excellence to work for Shawnee,” Leeper continued.

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About the Economic Development Council:

The Shawnee Economic Development Council (SEDC) works collaboratively with the City of Shawnee and the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce to drive business growth and development. The SEDC provides unique networking and business knowledge sharing opportunities and serves as a one-stop resource center for Shawnee businesses. The SEDC promotes Shawnee as a distinctive business location with an enhanced quality of life. For more information, please call the Shawnee Economic Development Council office at 913.631.6545, email Stacey Dickson at sdickson@shawnee-edc.com, or visit www.shawnee-edc.com.

About the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce:

Established in 1946, the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization that works to preserve the best possible business climate and quality of life for Shawnee. With nearly 700 business members, the Shawnee Chamber Corporation (501C6) is comprised of three divisions: the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce, the Shawnee Economic Development Council, and the Shawnee Convention and Visitor's Bureau. For more information, contact us at 913.631.6545 or visit our website at www.goodstartshere.com.

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