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PRESS RELEASE

Joint IDA Selects New Associate Director

WYTHEVILLE—The Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, Wytheville, and Rural Retreat is pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has selected Patrick G. Burton as the authority's new associate director.

Mr. Burton received both his master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning and his undergraduate degree in Urban Affairs from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. A native of Smyth County, he is a resident of Wytheville where he lives with his wife, Denise, who is employed as a probation officer in Smyth County. Currently a planner with the Salem office of the Virginia Department of Transportation, Mr. Burton has previously worked with the New River and Mount Rogers Planning District Commissions as well as the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Burton will fill the position previously held by Mike Webb, who recently moved to Lexington to head the Rockbridge Partnership, an economic development organization similar to the Joint IDA. The associate director takes lead responsibility for the Joint IDA's existing industry program as well as performing research and support roles for the authority's recruitment efforts.

Joint IDA Chairman Joe Freeman said, "We are pleased to have Patrick join us at the Joint IDA and believe that our current team will continue to achieve the high standards that have brought us recognition over the past decade. Coupled with the significant advantages of doing business in Wythe County and the attributes of Progress Park, we expect this team to have continued success."

"I am excited to join such an accomplished and dynamic economic development group," Mr. Burton said.

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