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**Patrick Topping, Senior Vice President of MEDC, Is Appointed to the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) Public Policy Advisory Committee**

**Macon, GA**—Patrick Topping, Senior Vice President of the Macon Economic Development Commission has been appointed to the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) Public Policy Advisory Committee. The Committee makes recommendations to the External Member Relations Committee about the organization's legislative affairs and federal relations. The committee establishes a list of key legislative issues to be monitored and addressed, guides the content of the annual Legislative Summit, and reviews IEDC's legislative strategies.

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is the world's largest membership organization serving the economic development profession. From public to private, rural to urban and local to international, the membership represents the entire range of economic development experience. The organization is dedicated to helping economic developers do their job more effectively and raising the profile of the profession.

The mission of the Macon Economic Development Commission (MEDC) is to attract, sustain and grow primary jobs and investment in Macon and Bibb County. MEDC is a private/public agency funded by the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce, City of Macon, Bibb County and the Macon Water Authority to develop and implement the Marketing Strategy for economic development activity in Macon and Bibb County and to act as the single point of contact for economic development activity in Macon and Bibb County.

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