

Paul Latture Elected TEDC President, Eight Others Named To TEDC Board

Your board for the 2009-2010 year consist of:



Paul Latture
President,
(President of The Rutherford
Chamber of Commerce)



Holly S. Weber
Middle Tennessee Representative,
(Vice President of Economic Development -
Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce)



Donald Hurst
Vice President,
(President of the Cocke
County Partnership)



Spencer Sessions
West Tennessee Representative,
(TVA)



Mike Evans
Secretary/Treasurer
(Vice President of Economic Development
- Clarksville/Montgomery County EDC)



Tim Thompson
East Tennessee Representative,
(Anderson County Economic
Development Association)



Walt Wood
Immediate Past President,
(CEO of Shelbyville-Bedford
County Chamber of Commerce)



Paul LaGrange
State Liaison,
(TN Dept. of Economic &
Community Development)



Mike Philpot
SEDC Director,
(West Tennessee Industrial Association)

Calendar of Events

**November 22 & 23,
2009
Tennessee Valley Corridor
Fall Partnership Event**

**February 10, 2010
TEDC Day on the Hill**

**April 28-30, 2010
TEDC Spring Conference**

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR, PROFESSIONALS OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED AT FALL CONFERENCE

During this year's annual awards banquet, four committed leaders in the economic development field were recognized for their dedication to our state and their communities. Ross Tarver was recognized as the Jim Spradley Volunteer of the Year and Gary Farlow, James Chavez and Mike Evans were named as the Fred Harris Professionals of the Year.



Gary Farlow, Mike Evans, James Chavez, and Walt Wood.

Ross Tarver's dedication to economic development can be traced back to the formation of the Bradley/Cleveland Industrial Development Board. Chosen as their inaugural Chairman, Mr. Tarver has served the board in that capacity for five years. During 2009, Mr. Tarver has played a significant role in Bradley County's successful location of Wachter Chemie's newest \$1 billion project that is set to bring 500 new high-paying jobs to the region.

In addition to his volunteer work in the Bradley/Cleveland IDB, Mr. Tarver also offers his time and support to numerous community organizations including the Bradley County Sheriff's Department, Charleston Police Department, United Way of Cleveland and the Junior Achievement of Bradley and McMinn Counties.

Gary Farlow, the President and CEO of the Bradley/Cleveland IDB stated, "In my 29 years as a professional Economic Developer, I have never worked with a finer, more committed, more effective community volunteer leader than Ross Tarver. His dedication is proven by the countless hours spent meeting with industrial prospects and lobbying local governments in support of the IDB efforts."

TEDC President Walt Wood expressed his admiration for Mr. Tarver when he stated, "Ross Tarver exemplifies what we look for in a Jim Spradley Volunteer of the Year recipient. He is dedicated, passionate and tireless in his role as an economic development leader."

"I try to serve the residents of Bradley County to the best of my abilities," stated Ross Tarver. "I am honored by this recognition from the Tennessee Economic Development Council."



Gary Farlow, Ross Tarver, and Walt Wood.

Gary Farlow, the President and CEO of the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce, began his economic development career in 1989 as the Executive Vice President for Industrial Development of the Blount County Chamber of Commerce. Over the past twenty years, Mr. Farlow has been involved in numerous project negotiations that have resulted in economic success for his region of Tennessee. His most significant achievement for the Cleveland/Bradley County area in 2008 was the final negotiation for and location of Wachter Chemie AG's new \$1 billion manufacturing facility in the Hiwassee River Industrial Park. He was also the lead negotiator for the recruitment and attraction of Starplex Scientific, a Canadian-based manufacturing company. These two projects will bring over 500 new jobs to the Cleveland/Bradley County area.

"Mr. Farlow's expertise and professionalism have significantly contributed to the success of Cleveland/Bradley County's economic development efforts over the past six years," stated Douglas Berry, Vice President of Economic Development for the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce.

James Chavez and Mike Evans have been involved in economic development for a combined 27 years. Currently serving as the President and Vice President of Economic Development for the Clarksville/Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Chavez and Mr. Evans have devoted countless efforts toward the negotiations that led to the location of the Hemlock Semiconductor manufacturing plant in Montgomery County. The plant, which will manufacture polycrystalline that is used in the production of solar panels, is the largest single project in the history of Tennessee, with projected investment of \$2.5 billion and projected employment of over 500 jobs.

Both Chavez and Evans worked tirelessly to assemble the land and meet infrastructure requirements needed to secure the plant construction in Montgomery County. They also continue to provide project support as construction begins.

"Due to the overwhelming level of effort of these gentlemen, the TEDC selection committee decided to award three Professional of the Year Awards in 2009," said Walt Wood, the Immediate Past President of TEDC and CEO of the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce. "This is the first time in the thirteen year history of the award that TEDC has recognized more than one recipient for the annual award."

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TEDC President's Message, Paul Latture

TEDC members from the Kingsport area provided great hospitality for the Fall Conference held October 7 – 9 at the Meadowview Conference Center. We appreciate the many businesses and organizations from across the state and particularly from the Tri-Cities area that supported the conference.

The theme of the conference was Green Energy 101: The Business of Tomorrow. Donald Hurst did a great job filling the schedule with informative sessions on Green initiatives and incentives at the state and federal levels.

Tim Thompson helped secure eight of Tennessee's gubernatorial candidates to speak to conference attendees about their campaign platforms and economic development goals for Tennessee. Other sessions provided updates on the Hemlock and Wacker Chemie projects, and introduced TVA's new Valley Investment Initiative.

Looking ahead, events planned for 2010 will keep TEDC members informed of the latest economic development activities across Tennessee. Dates have already been set for the annual TEDC Day on the Hill and Spring Conference. Regional Meetings and the Fall Conference are also in the planning stages.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your President and to work with the outstanding TEDC board members who were also elected at the conference. In a year where we will face a changing economy, emerging technology and a new administration, TEDC is the place to be as we keep the focus on effective economic development.



Golf Winners

We want to thank Tom Olterman with TVA for organizing the Fall Golf Tournament. Great job Tom!

1st	2nd	3rd
Bob Bibb	Randy Harrell	John Payne
Michael George	George Halford	Don Cason
Gary Farlow	Clint Gwin	Ordis Copeland
Brad Maul (no name in book)	David McDonnell	Shane Burris

Closest to the Pin

- John Payne #4
- Paul Latture #12



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Middle TN Industrial Dev. Association

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Northeast TN Valley Reg Ind

Thursday Lunch
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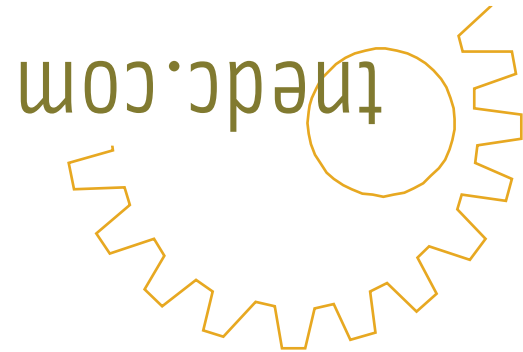
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