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JOE BRANDOM HONORED AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LIFETIME MEMBER

(NASHVILLE, Tenn.) – The Tennessee Economic Development Council (TEDC) has recognized Joe Brandom as recipient of the 2011 Lifetime Membership Award. Mr. Brandom's decades of tireless leadership in economic development were honored in his award selection as TEDC's Lifetime Member.

Mr. Brandom's dedication to Tennessee's economic strength is exemplified in his many roles in economic development throughout his lengthy career. Brandom has served as Director of Existing Industry Services and Assistant Commissioner for Business Services for the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD). Mr. Brandom introduced the Retention and Expansion (R&E) program to Tennessee, which is focused on training community leaders and stakeholders to prevent industry closures and/or relocations and their impact on local communities.

Brandom also began a Technology Transfer/Utilization program in Tennessee in partnership with UT Center for Industrial Services and Oak Ridge National Lab, granting industry access to valuable technologies, otherwise prevented from use by restrictive patents.

Also deeply involved in economic development on the local level, Mr. Brandom served for three terms as Vice Chairman of Lewisburg's first Industrial Development Board. A dedicated member of TEDC (formerly TIDC), Mr. Brandom has served for a decade as principal fundraiser for the organization, and for a time as Middle Tennessee Director.

TEDC President Mike Evans expressed his respect and gratitude for Mr. Brandom when he stated, "Joe Brandom has long been dedicated, passionate and tireless in his role as an economic development leader. He exemplifies what we look for in a recipient of the Lifetime Membership Award."

"An economically strong Tennessee benefits all of us. I look forward to continued service to my community and state," stated Joe Brandom. "I am honored by this recognition from the Tennessee Economic Development Council."

TEDC is a statewide professional organization for people involved in economic development. Recipients of the Lifetime Membership Award must be nominated by TEDC members and selected by a committee of past presidents of TEDC from the field of nominees. Floyd's accomplishments were recognized October 7, 2010 at the TEDC Annual Fall Conference, which was held in Clarksville, Tennessee.

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