



Southwest Alabama Workforce Development Council

Region 9 News

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAWDC

Quarterly Meeting

March 16, 2011

9:00 — 11:00 am

Location TBD

To RSVP, email

asmith@sawdc.org

Welcome to our Newest Council

Members

Danny D'Andrea
Alabama Power

Kenny Ryals
Gate Precast

Dr. John Johnson
*The Montgomery
Institute*

Patrick Harrigan
Harrigan Lumber

Pete Black
Community Leader

Jim Searcy
*Coastal Gateway
Economic Develop-
ment Alliance*

A Special “Thank You” to our Governmental Partners



As we begin the new year, SAWDC would like to take a moment to thank the governmental partners in Southwest Alabama who support workforce development efforts in Region 9.

City of Mobile
Baldwin County
Clarke County
Choctaw County

Conecuh County
Escambia County
Mobile County
Monroe County
Washington County

SAWDC Submits Proposal to National Fund for Workforce Solutions

SAWDC has submitted a proposal to the National Fund for Workforce Solutions (NFWS) for funding to assist in the development of workforce partnerships within Region 9. With the help of nearly 300 funding partners, the National Fund works to evaluate and bring to national scale new ways to prepare workers for higher-skilled, sustainable careers. In developing workforce partnerships within Region 9, SAWDC has initially selected five industry clusters with which to work. The clusters include Maritime, Aerospace, Healthcare, Process Manufacturing, and Construction. NFWS is currently in the process of reviewing proposals with a decision to be made in mid-February. To read more about the work of the National Fund, visit www.nfwsolutions.org

Coastal Gateway Economic Development Alliance Hires New Executive Director

The Coastal Gateway Economic Development Alliance (CGEDA) recently announced that Jim Searcy will take over as their new Executive Director. A graduate of Auburn University, Jim has a Bachelors Degree in Public Administration and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Auburn University Montgomery. With more than 20 years of economic development experience, Jim will provide the CGEDA with the means necessary for success. He has served as the Vice President of Business and Industry Retention at the Birmingham Business Alliance, as the Vice President of Marketing for the Metropolitan Development Board, with the Alabama Development Office, and is a past board member at the Economic Development Association of Alabama. For more information on the Coastal Gateway Economic Development Alliance, please visit www.cgeda.net.

SAWDC Welcomes Adelaide Smith

Please join us in welcoming Adelaide Smith to the SAWDC team. Adelaide joined SAWDC as the Administrative Assistant in January 2011 and has quickly added a fresh perspective to the SAWDC team. Adelaide graduated from the University of Alabama where she received a Bachelors Degree in Public Relations with a minor in Computer Science. Born and raised in Mobile, Adelaide decided to return to her roots and hopes to remain involved in the economic development of our region.