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The University Economic Development Association elects a vice president and three board members.

TOWSON, Md. —The University Economic Development Association elected a new vice president and three new board members to its Board of Directors. The elections were held at the Association's annual Summit in San Antonio, Texas on October 13, 2009.

The University Economic Development Association (UEDA) is a national organization that serves institutions of higher education and their economic development affiliates. UEDA focuses on universities' roles in economic development and provides a forum for a diverse membership, with the common goals of enhancing enterprise competitiveness and community wealth.

The University Economic Development Association elected William Michalerya as Vice President of the Association. Michalerya is the associate vice president of government relations and economic development at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. At Lehigh University, Michalerya develops federal, state and regional programs in research and economic development, and develops strategic alliances and technology partnerships. Michalerya previously served as associate vice provost for research at Lehigh, and as vice president and chief operating officer for Competitive Technologies of Pennsylvania, Inc.

The University Economic Development Association elected three new Board members including: Joyendu Bhadury, PhD, associate dean for graduate programs and research at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro; Camilla Bustamante, PhD, director of environmental science and co-director of the University Center at Northern New Mexico College; and Don Kryszakowski, assistant director for the Center for Economic Development at the California State University in Chico.

In addition to the election of Board members, UEDA Officers transitioned into new roles. Steve Holland transitioned from president-elect to president and Christi Bell transitioned from vice president to president-elect. Holland is the director of the Montana Manufacturing Extension Center at Montana State University. Bell is the director of the University of Alaska Center for Economic Development. Wayne Watkins, associate vice president for research at the University of Akron, transitioned from UEDA president to UEDA past president.

Additional information about UEDA Officers and Board members may be found on www.universityeda.org/board.htm. For more information about the University Economic Development Association, please contact Mr. Steve Holland, UEDA President at sholland@coe.montana.edu or Ms. Leslie Pachol, UEDA Executive Director, at 877-583-UEDA or lpachol@towson.edu.