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Pair earn national certification as economic developers

April 2, 2009 – Carroll County Economic Development Director Lawrence Twele and Deputy Director Denise Beaver recently earned national certification marking their mastery of economic development skills. As Certified Economic Developers (CEcD), the pair has shown professional attainment of the principal skills, and a commitment to personal and professional growth. There are currently only 1,200 CEcDs in the United States. The CEcD exam was administered by the International Economic Development Council on March 14-15 in Alexandria, Va.

The CEcD designation recognizes qualified and dedicated practitioners in the economic development field and sets the standard of excellence within the profession. Candidates must pass a rigorous and comprehensive three-part, two-day examination, which tests a practitioner's knowledge, proficiency and judgment in the key areas of economic development, including business retention and expansion, marketing, finance, workforce development, community development, real estate, strategic planning, and management.

Economic development improves the local economy by stimulating the creation of wealth for individuals, businesses and communities. With a total of 19 years of economic development experience, Twele and Beaver work with public officials, business leaders and community members to plan and carry out economic development initiatives and promote Carroll County as an attractive business location.

Working with the Board of County Commissioners to ensure a marketable supply of industrial buildings and land and with educational partners to provide a technically skilled workforce, economic development encompasses business development including agriculture and small business, business retention and expansion, marketing, workforce development and tourism. Staff provides site and facility tours, customized research, financing and regulatory assistance, workforce development and small business training and advocacy.

For more information on the Department of Economic Development programs, please visit the department's website at www.carrollbiz.org.

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