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**DINWIDDIE COUNTY HIRES DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

~Tammie J. Collins will report to work on April 16th, 2007~

DINWIDDIE - County Administrator Kevin Massengill announced today the selection of Tammie Collins as the County's new Director of Economic Development.

Mrs. Collins currently serves as a Project Manager with the Virginia Gateway Region. Virginia's Gateway Region is a regional economic development organization that exists to enhance the economic development opportunities for the cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell and Petersburg, and the counties of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Surry and Sussex.

As a Project Manager with Virginia's Gateway Region, Tammie Collins works directly with new businesses and existing industries at every point, from the initial contact to announcements. Collins joined the Gateway Region staff in 2003 as Marketing Manager, assisting with the development and implementation of marketing initiatives for the Region.

Prior to joining the Gateway Region, Collins worked with the Greater Richmond Partnership, Inc. She holds a degree in Urban Studies and Planning from Virginia Commonwealth University and has continued her studies at the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute

As the Director of Economic Development for Dinwiddie County, Collins will be responsible for developing a recruitment strategy to attract new businesses, working with existing businesses and industry, and promoting overall business health. In addition, Collins will be the head project manager for the soon to be developed Commerce Park located off of Rt. 460 and Interstate 85.

“Dinwiddie County is dedicated to diversifying our tax base, developing sound employment opportunities for our citizens, and making Dinwiddie County overall a better place.” stated Massengill. “Mrs. Collins is an excellent addition to the County’s staff and brings a vast amount of energy, excitement and sound experience to this position. As we continue to grow and prosper, I remain positive that Tammie will be able to attract new businesses and retain existing ones that will ultimately provide the County with an improved, viable tax base. Such a base will ensure the County’s ability to provide the expected services and adequate public facilities for one of the fastest growing jurisdictions in the region.” Massengill stated.

Mrs. Collins will report to work on April 16, 2007 at the County Administration Office and can be reached Monday –Friday from 8:30am – 5:00pm (804.469-4500).
