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Suffolk Names New Economic Development Manager

SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA (November 17, 2010)—The Suffolk Economic Development Department is proud to announce the hiring of a new Economic Development Manager. Deanna Holt has been promoted to the position. Since September 2002, Ms. Holt had been the City's Business Development Analyst.

In her new role, Ms. Holt will work closely with existing industry during their site selection and permitting process. She will also manage workforce development programs and small business development programs throughout Suffolk.

Economic Development Director Kevin Hughes says, "Deanna Holt's passion for partnering with the Suffolk business community makes her a tremendous asset for the Department of Economic Development team. Her professionalism and ability to problem solve make her a true business advocate for the Suffolk existing industry base."

Ms. Holt graduated from Christopher Newport University with a BA in History with a Business minor. After graduation, she was employed by Carroll's Food of Virginia for 5 years, working her way through the ranks to eventually becoming a Human Resources Assistant.

Ms. Holt left Carroll's Food to work in Human Resources for another company for a year before beginning her career with the City of Suffolk in April of 2000. She says, "I am thrilled about my new position and I look forward to continuing my relationships with all the wonderful businesses that currently call Suffolk home." Ms Holt began her new duties November 16, 2010.

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