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ANNOUNCING: Christopher Bontrager Named to Southern Economic Development Council's Board of Directors

Atlanta, Ga. – The Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC) is pleased to announce that Christopher Bontrager has been elected Alabama Director of the association's board of directors. Bontrager is a Portfolio Director of Retail Strategies, Inc. in Birmingham, AL. The state director will serve a two-year term on SEDC's board. Bontrager took the seat on January 1, 2019.

Christopher has years of experience in the field of economic development and brings a unique set of skills to the organization.

"I congratulate Christopher on being elected to serve on SEDC's Board of Directors for 2019. Representing over 900 economic development professionals across the American South is an honor and validates leadership and dedication to the profession. As Chairman of Board of Directors this year, I am confident that Christopher will assist us in facilitating our 2019 program of work, in addition to helping us chart our course for future programming," said SEDC 2019 Chairman Raul Peralta.

About SEDC

SEDC is the oldest and largest regional economic development association in North America. Founded in 1946, the Council is a nonprofit membership organization of 900+ active and influential economic development professionals representing: local, regional and state economic development agencies, chambers of commerce, business and industry, utilities, transportation, finance and education. Through conferences and meetings, research and publications, networking and educational opportunities, SEDC enables members to advance their common interest – the promotion and enhancement of the economic development profession. For more information visit www.sedc.org.