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**Ted Clem Named Chairman Elect of the**

## **Florida Economic Development Council**

**Panama City, FL-** Ted Clem, Executive Director of the Bay County Economic Development Alliance was recently named Chairman Elect of the Florida Economic Development Council (FEDC) at the FEDC's Annual Workshop and Conference in Orlando.

Mr. Clem has a long history of involvement with the FEDC. He has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1998 and recently served as the Vice President of Programs.

"I'm thrilled that Ted has agreed to be Chairman Elect of the FEDC. He brings to the table a diverse background of experience through his representation of the Panhandle portion of the state and by being a professionally-certified economic developer with a wealth of experience," state Mary Jane Stanley, 2004 FEDC Chairman and Director of the Pasco Economic Development Council.

Clem is a native of Georgiana, Alabama and graduated from Troy State University in 1988 with a degree in journalism. While at Troy State, Ted was a player on the 1984 and 1987 National Championship football teams. He later received a Master's degree in Economic Development from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Ted joined the Bay County Economic Development Alliance (EDA) in 1999, after serving in as an economic developer for Evergreen, Alabama; Andalusia, Alabama; and Pensacola, Florida. He has been instrumental in managed growth for the Panama City area. Since 1999, Clem has helped generate millions of dollars in new capital investment and over 3,300 new jobs.

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### **About the FEDC**

The FEDC is a profession organization of economic developers around the state of Florida. The mission of the Florida Economic Development Council is to advance economic development in Florida and to enhance the professionalism of its members through education, interaction, and the exchange of information with business, government, and all other appropriate organizations.

### **About the EDA**

The EDA is a public/private partnership whose mission is to establish Bay County as a globally competitive environment to conduct business; encourage economic growth that enhances our standard of living and quality of life; and facilitate the creation of an environment that encourages the expansion of existing business and the location of new business.

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