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Wilmington Chamber Announces New Board Members

Wilmington, N.C. — The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors elected Ed Murray (PPD) and Kimberly Bankston (GE Hitachi Nuclear) as new board members at their March meeting.

Ed Murray serves as the chief human resource officer for PPD. He joined the PPD executive management team in 2005 and oversees the company's human resources functions worldwide. Murray has 27 years in human resources management for pharmaceutical and healthcare service-related companies, including Baxter Healthcare, Abbott Laboratories and Covance Inc., in addition to PPD. Ed earned an undergraduate degree in finance from Western Illinois University and a Masters of Business Administration from the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management in Lake Forest, Illinois. In addition to the Chamber board of directors, Ed is currently serving on the board for the Wilmington Downtown Association and serves as Chairman of the Cape Fear Area United Way.

Kimberly Bankston, is the GM, Human Resources for GE Hitachi Nuclear. She was formerly the HR Director for GE's Advanced Manufacturing and Software Technology Center in Detroit, Michigan. Kimberly has also served as the Managing Director, Diversity for GE Capital. Kimberly has held prior HR roles in leadership development and succession planning. She has had a variety of roles in GE Energy, Industrial Systems, Global Nuclear Fuels and Commercial Finance. She is a recipient of the GE AAF Icon Award for Excellence in Human Resources and the 2011 GE Global HR Excellence award.

About the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce is the largest membership-based business association in Southeastern North Carolina. The Chamber's mission is to ensure economic prosperity throughout our region. This is accomplished by: creating a diverse, inclusive organization that serves as a strong voice for businesses in the Greater Wilmington area; offering unique membership benefits, services and education; and challenging government officials to address long term community and business interests.