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DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCED

Suffolk, VA (February 12, 2010) City Manager Selena Cuffee-Glenn announced today the appointment of Kevin Hughes as the City's Director of Economic Development. Hughes has been the department's acting director since May 2009. He has served with the City since 2005 as a senior business development manager.

Hughes has a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from James Madison University. Prior to working for the City of Suffolk, Hughes was employed by Nexus Direct and Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance.

During his tenure with the City, Hughes has managed over thirty-five locations and expansion projects totaling in excess of \$56,000,000 in capital investment leading to the creation of over 400 new jobs and the expansion or occupation of over 4,000,000 square feet of commercial space.

Cuffee-Glenn is pleased to have Hughes in the position of Director of Economic Development. "Our Economic Development team has made tremendous strides with Kevin at the helm," advised Cuffee-Glenn. "He has vision, great energy and a real desire to assist businesses and industries looking to locate and those that already call Suffolk home," advised Cuffee-Glenn. On his selection Hughes advised, "I am honored that the City Manager has selected me for the position of Economic Development Director. I am excited to expand my role with the City,

and look forward to being an integral part in the continued economic growth and prosperity of the City of Suffolk.”

Hughes is engaged to Cathy Denton. He will be moving to Suffolk from Virginia Beach soon. Hughes’ new position becomes effective February 16th.

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