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Alamance County Economic Development Foundation Honors Industry, Investors, and Former Chairman

Burlington, NC (December 5, 2007) - The Alamance County Economic Development Foundation recognized 32 industries for their investment and job creation in Alamance County during 2005-2007, which totaled 1,332 jobs and investments of \$137 million during that 3-year period. Derek Steed, Chair of the Foundation, presided over the Annual Investors event and gave accolades to the private investors of the Foundation (35 organizations) and public bodies (Alamance County, City of Burlington, Town of Elon, City of Graham, and City of Mebane), who make the Economic Development division at the Chamber of Commerce possible. Mac Williams, President of the Chamber of Commerce, followed with a brief progress report of the economic development team and programs, which assist in generating the impact within our community.

The featured guest speaker was Tony Copeland, Assistant Secretary for NC Department of Commerce Business and Industry Division, who highlighted NC's successes and growth as well as Alamance County's important role of recruitment and expansion of industry. He noted the leadership of Alamance County for the recent recruitment of Honda Aero and spoke of other significant projects in NC since joining the state in 2003.

Also at the event, Dick Shirley was honored for his vision and leadership in the local economic development arena since 1986.

The representatives from the industries were presented a congratulatory letter from Governor Michael F. Easley, a certificate of appreciation from County, City, and Chamber leadership, and a special memento.

Industries Recognized: Alamance Foods, Inc., American Yarn, LLC, Antilles Seaplanes, LLC, ArcaTech Systems, Atlas Lighting Products, Inc., Blue Water Automotive Systems, Inc., Burlington Manufacturing Services, Capital Bank Operational Center, CEDARLANE Laboratories Ltd., CKS Packaging Inc., Continental Components LLC, Fiberglass Flagpoles of America, Inc., Frost Converting Systems, Inc., GKN Driveline North America, Inc., Glen Raven Logistics, Honda Aero, Inc., Indalex Aluminum Solutions, International Designer Transitions, Inc., International Textile Group, Kayser-Roth Corporation, Kidde Residential & Commercial Division, Laboratory Corporation of America, Loomcraft Textiles, MacThrift Office Furniture, Meredith-Webb Printing Company, National Agents Alliance, Nypro Carolina, P&S Machine, Inc., Smithfield Packing, Sport Endeavors Inc., Tec Tran Corporation, and Triem Electric Motors.

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Dick Shirley(front left) and Derek Steed (front right) join Industry Representatives who were honored for 2005-2007 new or expansion project announcements at the Alamance County Economic Development Foundation Investors Event on December 5, 2007 at Paramount Theater in Burlington, NC

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