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PRESS RELEASE

North Carolina's Eastern Region Hosts "State of the Region" Event

Greenville, NC, January 31, 2011 – On January 13, 2011, North Carolina's Eastern Region (NCER) hosted a three hour program at the Hilton Greenville that provided a comprehensive review of the progress and outlook for the region. Other topics of discussion at the event included the region's position in the sectors of defense/aerospace, tourism, and overall economic growth.

During the fourth annual State of the Region Event, guests heard from members of the NCER Defense/Aerospace Advisory Committee that includes leaders from several regional employers. The panel featured speakers from Spirit AeroSystems in Kinston, AAR Cargo Systems in Goldsboro, the Fleet Readiness Center-East in Havelock, and Honeywell International in Rocky Mount. NCER Military Growth Task Force Executive Director, Mark Sutherland, updated the attendees on the commission's activities regarding growth and regional planning activities associated with the region's several military installations. For the presentations from the State of the Region event, visit www.nceast.org.

Over 400 people attended the event held in Greenville. Among those making presentations included:

- The Honorable Kay Hagan, US Senator, NC
- Ms. Janet Cowell, Department of State Treasurer
- Mr. John Chaffee, President and CEO, Eastern Region Development Commission
- The Honorable Linda A. Carlisle, Secretary, NC Department of Cultural Resources
- The Honorable H. Martin Lancaster, US Congressman, Retired

- Mr. Rick Davis, Site Operations Director, Spirit AeroSystems, Kinston
- Mr. Vince Misciagna, Vice President, Business Development, AAR Structures & Systems Group, Goldsboro
- Mrs. Mary Beth Fennell, Director, Industrial Business Operations, Fleet Readiness Center-East, Havelock
- Mr. Mike Stahl, Director, Integrated Supply Chain, Mechanical Operational Center – Americas, Honeywell International, Rocky Mount
- Mr. Mark Sutherland, Vice President, NCER & Executive Director, MGTF

North Carolina's Eastern Region is a 13-county development commission established by the North Carolina General Assembly to promote economic growth in Nash, Edgecombe, Wilson, Lenoir, Pitt, Wayne, Greene, Duplin, Jones, Onslow, Pamlico, Craven, and Carteret Counties. The region encompasses 7,000 square miles and approximately 1 million residents. For more information, visit www.nceast.org or contact Erin Eatman, Director of Marketing, at Eatman@nceast.org.