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Augusta, Georgia announces key sponsors for National Community Development Association 2022 Region IV Conference

AUGUSTA, GA (August 25, 2022) – Augusta, Georgia government is pleased to have the support of several sponsors for the National Community Development Association 2022 Region IV Conference being held in Augusta, Georgia during September 13-16 at the Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center.

Conference sponsors include Augusta Economic Development Authority, Augusta Transit, Borad View America, Coca-Cola, Destination Augusta, Edgar's Above Broad, eXp Realty, Gallop & Associates, Georgia Trend Magazine, Goodwill of Middle Georgia & the CSRA, Horizon Construction, iHeart Media, Infrastrcutre System Management, LLC., Meybohm, M3 Agency, Neighborly Software, Realty One, Regions Banks, Re/Max Reinvented, Sand Hills Urban Development, SRP Federal Credit Union, WODA Cooper Companies, and ZoomGrant.

“Hosting a high-profile conference with this many moving parts takes time, effort, and the support of community partners,” said Interim Administrator Takiyah A. Douse. “We are excited about the overwhelming support we have received for this conference, and I look forward to our attendees benefitting from the activities being made available to them due to the contributions from our partners.”

Augusta Housing and Community Development (HCD) Director Hawthorne Welcher shared similar sentiments.

“HCD remains excited that the NCDA Conference is molding into an impactful event clearly speaking to local, regional and national practitioners serious about community transformation,” said Welcher.

When considering the impact of the event, some of the conference sponsors shared their thoughts on being a part of the conference.

“We are excited to partner with Housing and Community Development to bring such an incredible conference and far-reaching resource to the Augusta River,” said Cher Best, iHeartMedia Cluster Promotion Director and Marketing Manager.

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“eXp Realty continues to set the bar in promoting the development of underserved communities with a standard of excellence as it pertains to supporting fair housing,” added eXp Realtor Stacy Pulliam. “eXp Realty's participation in the NCDA conference will foster building more meaningful partnerships along with solidifying a commitment of accountability to building stronger communities globally.”

“Goodwill is proud to sponsor and participate in the 2022 NCDA Region IV Conference as a partner in workforce and career development,” said Leah Pontani, Senior Vice President of Career Development, Goodwill of Middle Georgia and the CSRA. “We look forward to learning from other organizations and agencies, sharing our mission delivery and impact, as well as hosting the group at Edgar’s Above Broad.”

Transforming Lives – Impacting Lives is the theme for this year’s gathering. The three-day conference brings together community development professionals from across the region to discuss the latest federal policies and best practices for addressing community development, including the national issues of affordable housing and homelessness.

Trainings, speaker sessions, roundtables and panel discussion topics include supporting small businesses through workforce development and enhancement, reimaging and re-engineering community development, and housing counseling.

For more information on conference registration and lodging details, visit ncdaonline.org or augustaga.gov. For additional details, the public should call Augusta Housing & Community Development at 706-821-1797. Media interested in covering this topic should contact Public Information Manager Danielle Harris at 706-564-3460.

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