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## **Bastrop EDC Selects New Executive Director**

BASTROP, TEXAS (August 28, 2018) – The Bastrop Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) has selected Mike Kamerlander as its new executive director.

Kamerlander has eight years of economic development and marketing experience and currently serves as the vice president for the Greater San Marcos Partnership, a position he has held since 2012. He previously served as the director of business retention and expansion for the Austin Chamber of Commerce and was a policy analyst for the Texas Senate. Kamerlander is a graduate of the University of Texas with a bachelor's degree in government.

"I am honored to lead the Bastrop EDC and appreciate the opportunity provided by the Bastrop EDC Board," said Kamerlander. "Together with community and business leaders, Bastrop EDC is committed to strategically elevating the city's national visibility and deepening relationships with existing major employers in order to create primary jobs and increase economic opportunities for our residents. Bastrop has a great story, and I am excited to share it."

The BEDC received 35 applications from highly qualified individuals in nine states. Four candidates were invited for interviews during the week of August 13, and Kamerlander was selected by the board to fill the position. His proposed start date is September 17.

"The board is excited to have selected Kamerlander as the executive director for BEDC," said BEDC Chair Cam Chavez. "With several quality candidates, it became clear during the process that he would be a great asset to the city and community. We look forward to welcoming him and the future successes we hope to accomplish together under his leadership."

Strategic Government Resources (SGR), a government executive search firm based in Keller, Texas, conducted the nationwide executive director search. SGR's recruitment and vetting process produced an impressive pool of candidates. Candidate vetting included a comprehensive questionnaire, online interviews, a psychometric assessment, a thorough media search, and a rigorous background investigation.

### **About the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation**

Established in 1995, the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) enhances the quality of life in Bastrop, Texas by advancing the investment, development, growth and relocation of companies within the area. In addition to providing appropriate infrastructure, it promotes and supports economic development in the community that offers the people of Bastrop sustainable, meaningful and rewarding employment opportunities, and greater access to desirable goods and services. Visit <http://bastropedc.org>.

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