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New CEO Announced for Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX - The Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce announced the hiring of Annette Medlin as the new President and CEO, effective January 19, 2016. Medlin succeeds Foster Edwards who has been the Chamber President and CEO since 2006.

After a comprehensive search by Jorgenson Consulting, the executive recruiting firm hired by the Chamber, Medlin was selected from a large pool of highly qualified individuals with strong professional backgrounds in leadership roles throughout the city, state, and country.

“This is a very important time in the history of our Chamber and we are excited to have such a strong and dynamic leader ready to join our community, as we work to begin the process to unify the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce and the Corpus Christi Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.” stated Gabe Guerra, Chairman, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, “Ms. Medlin has an extensive background in Chamber organizational management and training. From 2005 through 2012, Ms. Medlin served as President and CEO of the Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce. She was recognized in 2007 as South Carolina Chamber Executive of the year and she received a certification from the U.S. Chamber’s Institution for Organization Management in 2009.”

Annette Medlin is moving to Corpus Christi from North Carolina where she has served as a consultant for Chambers of Commerce throughout the country since 2012. In 2011, Ms. Medlin was hired by Center for International Private Enterprise to assist in setting up the governance, structure, and mission/vision of a new joint Afghanistan-Pakistan Chamber of Commerce aimed at promoting better cross-border business relations. She has also served as a faculty member for the United States Chamber Institute for Organization Management.

“We have been involved throughout the selection and vetting process for the new CEO, and I am looking forward to working with Annette on shaping a new Chamber”, expressed Rosie Collin, Chair-elect of the Corpus Christi Hispanic Chamber. “She brings an exciting energy and experience that are key attributes in moving forward with our unification efforts.”

Foster Edwards announced his retirement, but agreed to stay on as CEO and President while the search firm continued to seek his replacement. Edwards was responsible for the daily operations of the organization and led advocacy efforts that achieved major reform in windstorm insurance legislation in 2015 for coastal residents.

“During Foster’s tenure, we’ve seen growth in the Chamber and positive changes,” said Guerra, “we are grateful for his leadership and dedication to our community.”

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