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Macomb County Employee Recognized as “Partner of the Year” by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has named Robert Tess, Economic Development Manager for the Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development, as “Partner of the Year”.

Mr. Tess, a 19 year employee of the county, is directly responsible for helping to retain, expand and attract business to the county. Known as a tireless advocate for businesses large and small, he oversaw the investment of more than \$69 million in the county during 2004 that resulted in 1,100 retained jobs as well as an additional 1,200 jobs created. Tess works side by side with company executives to access needed training for employees, navigate the processes involved in securing tax incentives for improvements and locate suitable property for expansion and relocation activities. Tess was also instrumental in the designation of the first tool and die recovery zone in Southeast Michigan.

Over the past two years, Tess worked collaboratively with MEDC as well as the Detroit Regional Chamber to attract French auto supplier Faurecia to the county. Faurecia, a manufacturer of seating components, is renovating a previously shuttered Fraser facility and is expected to hire 600 new employees.

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