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## **DEKALB HOSTS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TRAINING**

*More than 70 authority members from the region in attendance*

**DECATUR** – The DeKalb County Office of Economic Development and the Development Authority of DeKalb County recently hosted the Development Authority Board Member Training (DAT) at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Decatur.

The training was presented by the University of Georgia’s Fanning Institute, in conjunction with the Development Authority of DeKalb County; the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia; Attorney Dan McRae, Seyfarth Shaw; Georgia Economic Developers Association; Georgia Electric Membership Corporation; Georgia Municipal Association; Georgia Power Company; and Pattillo Construction. The program is designed to meet the legislated requirement that all newly appointed development authority board members receive eight hours of training within the first 12 months of being appointed to an authority.

“Economic development is the foundation of a strong and successful community, and the work of our office of economic development continues to serve as an example for other municipalities in our region,” said CEO Ellis.

More than 70 development authority members from across the State of Georgia and as far away as Florida, including all of the members of the Development Authority of DeKalb County, participated in the training.

“DeKalb County is a model for best practices in economic development and people are eager to come here to learn how we do business and also to share best practices with each other, which makes Georgia stronger,” said Economic Development Director Maria Mullins. “DeKalb County is helping to make Georgia stronger.”

Attendees received basic and advanced training in economic development, which included lectures on basic community economic development, understanding the tax digest, and why creating an economic development plan is good business.

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