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Dixon Hughes and Goodman & Company Join Forces

(Charlotte, NC. April 1, 2011). Development Advisors, LLC is pleased to celebrate an announcement from their strategic alliance partner Dixon Hughes, PLLC. Effective today, Dixon Hughes PLLC and Goodman & Company LLP have merged their firms and affiliated entities to become Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP. With more than 1,700 people in 30 offices in 11 states and Washington, D.C., Dixon Hughes Goodman is the largest certified public accounting firm based in the Southern U.S. and the 13th largest in the nation.

Charles Edgar Sams, Jr., Chairman of Dixon Hughes, will continue to serve as Chairman of the new company, and Kenneth M. Hughes, Chief Executive Officer of Dixon Hughes, will also remain in that position. Thomas H. Wilson, Managing Partner of Goodman & Company, is now Deputy Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of the new firm.

The merger will create a dramatically larger geographic footprint with offices located in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, D.C. and West Virginia. The firm will conduct business in all 50 states.

For more information on this [news](#) and to learn more about Dixon Hughes Goodman, LLP, visit their website at www.dhglp.com.

About Development Advisors

Development Advisors is a business consulting firm that helps companies select the best location for their operations and maximize the IRR associated with their capital investments. Development Advisors has worked throughout the United States since its founding in 1996 on projects ranging from \$2 million to over \$400 million in capital investment. Projects include expansions, relocations, realignments and consolidations, mergers and acquisitions. The firm specializes in confidential location solutions including location analysis and selection, incentive analysis and negotiations and real estate advisory.