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President &amp; Chief

Operating Officer, Centralina EDD

Date: November 15, 2024

To: Lynn West, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, Union County

From: Narissa Claiborne, Boards Administrator, Centralina Regional Council

RE: Board of Directors Appointment Recommendation Request

As a member of the Centralina Economic Development District (EDD) which provides regional coordination of economic development and federal grant services to support local investments, you hold two seats on the Board of Directors, which meets four times per year. You are currently represented by:

- Public Sector/Government (2-year term, Jan. 1, 2024 – Dec. 31, 2025): **Vacant.**
- Private Sector (3-year term, Jan. 1, 2024 – Dec 31, 2026): **Vacant.**  
Formerly held by Mary Hogland from Spectrum Enterprises. Ms. Hogland resigned her seat in December 2022 and Centralina has not been informed of her replacement.

We respectfully request that you provide recommendations to fill your current vacancies on the Board by Friday, December 20, 2024. To meet EDA federal requirements, your candidates must have established professional connections to local government, economic development organizations, workforce development and education institutions or private-sector industries. The specific categories for appointments are further defined below:

- Public Sector/Government representatives may be elected or appointed officials or county staff
- Private Sector representatives may be leaders from economic development organizations (not county departments), businesses, non-profits, educational institutions and/or workforce development organizations.

Board of Director recommendations are subject to approval by the Centralina Regional Council Executive Board. The Executive Board will review and approve recommendations at its **January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting** so that vacant seats can be filled ahead of the **April 17<sup>th</sup> Centralina EDD Board Meeting**. The Board meets on the following dates in 2025, from **4:00 PM to 5:30 PM**:

- **Thursday, January 16, 2025 (Annual Meeting)**
- **Thursday, April 17, 2025**
- **Thursday, June 26, 2025**
- **Thursday, October 16, 2025**

If we don't receive your recommendations or if you decline to make a recommendation, Centralina EDD may fill the vacant seats to maintain compliance with EDA federal requirements.

Should you have any questions about the Centralina EDD, the Board recommendation process or need an extension to meet your local procedures, please reach out to Geraldine Gardner, President & COO at [ggardner@centralina.org](mailto:ggardner@centralina.org) or 704-351-7130.